



TODAY'S INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Hearts on Fire

Fueling Our Zeal With Diligence

December 10, 2017

Our Definition of Zeal:

Zeal is “having a burning desire to please God which leads us to action - to love and serve others with courage, diligence, and wisdom.”

Today we are going to talk about how we can be more diligent in our service to the Lord Jesus. If we are not growing in diligence, our zeal for the Lord will not last.

A diligent Christian is one who is striving to _____, _____, and _____ give his/herself to the Lord's work.

I. Zealous Christians Reject _____.

A. Laziness is a great enemy to zeal.

1. Proverbs 10:4; 13:4
2. Hebrews 6:9-12
 - a. Diligence is lost by being lazy — by not continuing to serve
3. Romans 12:11
 - a. We must have enthusiasm and excitement in doing what is right.

II. Zealous Christians Look for _____ To Serve.

A. Our desire to be productive for the Lord is seen in how much we look outside of ourselves to meet the needs of others.

1. Philippians 2:3-4
2. Also consider Titus 3:14

B. Be like Jesus in meeting the needs of others. There is not a reason for us to be bored!

III. Zealous Christians Work With _____ in Mind.

A. Christians think long-term — into eternity!

1. 2 Peter 3:14-15
2. Diligent Christians are not _____.

B. 2 Peter 1:9-11

Conclusion

- A. Does 1 Corinthians 15:58 describe what your life looks like?
- B. Can we help you to be more diligent in your service to the Lord?

THINKING THROUGH TODAY'S LESSON:

- Can you enter your name below?
 - _____ is steadfast, immovable, & always abounding in the Lord's work?
- Are there things that you are allowing to cause you to lack diligence for spiritual things?
 - Laziness?
 - Selfishness?
 - A sin you are struggling with?
 - Spiritual procrastination?
- Does the fact that you have received God's mercy lead you to “make every effort” to make your calling and election sure and to be found w/o spot or blemish?

MY NOTES: