

Life Passions

What topic could you talk about for hours? What motivates you to take action? These are indicators of your life passions. Passions are the strong internal desires that compel or motivate you to make a difference. They are part of the driving force as you serve God and others. Your life of personal ministry results, in part, from such passions.

The following three Scripture passages reveal truths about our Life Passions.

† **Colossians 3: 23-24** *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

Truth- It is the Lord you are serving with all your heart. A project which captivates your attention, so that you become unaware of your surroundings, is a passion for you. As you pour your faith-driven heart into your activity, you are working for the Lord.

† **Philippians 2: 13** *For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.*

Truth- The Holy Spirit lives in every Christian heart, and provides the incentive to do the will of God. Even those activities which may seem unrelated to a life of faith are fulfilling his good purpose.

† **Nehemiah 2:12a** *I set out during the night with a few others. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem.*

Truth- God puts passions into your heart. Nehemiah wanted to help rebuild Jerusalem. He had this strong passion from God to return from Babylon and rebuild the wall. It seemed impossible, but Nehemiah could not get the idea out of his head. It kept him awake at night. Finally, God used Nehemiah to make possible what seemed impossible. (Nehemiah chs.2-6)

In your life, you act and react to situations and people around you based on your personality, life experiences, and passions. In all of these, God is working his will. You are part of his plan for this world. Live in him, with him, for him.

Your life is not your own. Your life is your personal ministry to God.