

"A passion is something you love... something you will adjust, realign and ultimately, make radical changes in your life to pursue, honor or fulfill.

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Passion fuels purpose.
Passion raises performance.
Passion produces perseverance.
Passion shapes priorities.
And passion—satisfied—
creates its own personal profit
margin in life."

12Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. 13Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

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14I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶Only let us hold true to what we have attained. —Philippians 3:12-16 ESV

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

—Philippians 3:14 ESV

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bringing salvation for all people, bringing salvation for all people, 12training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.—Titus 2:11-13 ESV

"The New Testament word for godliness, in its original meaning, conveys the idea of a personal attitude toward God that results in actions that are pleasing to Him. This personal attitude toward God is what we call devotion to God...

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Godliness is no optional spiritual luxury for a few quaint Christians of a bygone era or for some group of super saints of today. It is both the privilege and duty of every Christian to pursue godliness, to train himself to be godly, to study diligently the practice of godliness."

—Jerry Bridges

The Passionate Pursuit of Godliness

Begins with a Personal

Knowledge of God

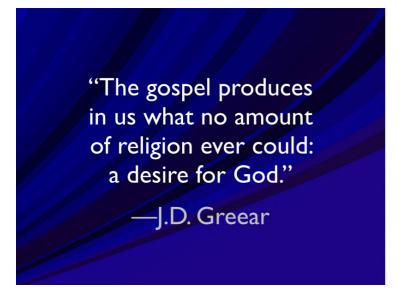
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Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand. 3... Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

—I Corinthians 15:1, 3-4 ESV

Philippians 3:4-9

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"Christian living is pursuing the knowledge of Christ so that what we know about Him becomes evident and known in us."

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The Passionate Pursuit of Godliness Stirs a Holy Dissatisfaction

Paul distanced himself from:

- Past Sins
- Past Setbacks
- Past Successes
- Past Sorrows

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"We break the power of the past by living for the future." —Warren Wiersbe

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." —Matthew 5:6 ESV

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Money
Matthew 6:21

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Schedule Matthew 6:33

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"The fear of God is the soul of godliness." —John Murray

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Relationships
John 13:34-35

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Money
Attitudes
Schedule
Tests
Eternity
Relationships

As I arise today,
may the strength of God pilot me,
the power of God uphold me,
the wisdom of God guide me.

May the eye of God look before me, the ear of God hear me, the Word of God speak for me.

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May the hand of God protect me, the way of God lie before me, the shield of God defend me, the host of God save me.

May Christ shield me today.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit,
Christ when I stand,

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Christ in the heart
of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth
of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

—St. Patrick

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