

RE-IGNITING YOUR PASSION FOR GOD

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1. An Unbalanced schedule: This means that if you're overworked or underworked, you are going to lose your passion for life and lose your passion for God. Life is a series of _____, the bible says there's a season for everything. There is a rhythm to life, you need both input and output, you need both rest and work. God wants you to get your proper rest.

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2. Compassion Fatigue: You just stop caring. You don't care about God anymore, you don't care about people anymore, you don't care about anything anymore. Why? Because you are burning out from too much work, too much service. When you care, and care, and care, eventually you get compassion fatigue.

3. An Unused talent: Notice that He has given you those gifts and talents for the benefit and the service of other people. God has given you a special role in this world. He desires for you to _____ with your life. Not using your talent and gift, causes you to lose your passion.

1 Peter 4:10 (ESV) As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

4. An Unconfessed sin: Here's the truth about us as human beings, we cannot _____ and guilt at the same time because guilt by its own definition robs you of passion. The truth of the matter is the joy of your life has crashed, and you are trying to keep the passion alive but the guilt keeps crashing your system. Sometimes we carry around guilt for weeks, months, days. You shouldn't carry guilt even for an hour.

Psalms 38:4-6 (ESV) For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me. ⁵ My wounds stink and fester because of my foolishness,

⁶ I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; all the day I go about mourning.

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