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1. An _____ conflict. Conflict just drains the passion right out of you. That's what conflict does to us, it takes all the passion out of our lives. You cannot always control the other person, but you can control the kind of emotions you have in the midst of the conflict.

Job 18:4 (ESV) *You who tear yourself in your anger, shall the earth be forsaken for you, or the rock be removed out of its place?*

Job 5:2 (ESV) *Surely vexation kills the fool, and jealousy slays the simple.*

2. An unclear _____. When you forget the purpose of your life, that is a sure way to kill your passion for life and for God. Whenever you forget why God put you on earth, you're going to drift toward apathy and lethargy.

Isaiah 49:4-5 (ESV) *But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God." ⁵ And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him— for I am honored* Passion and purpose go together, when you have a clear purpose it's going to give you a lot of passion. The more you understand God's purposes for your life, and the more you live for those purposes the more passionate you're going to be.

3. An _____ spirit. You are going to have conflicts and you are going to have changes and challenges, problems and pressures. These things fall in on you to shrivel your heart and sink your spirit. So, you must nourish your spirit.

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Colossians 2:6-7 (ESV) *Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.*

4. _____ kills our passion. Jesus says I would rather have you cold or hot. He would rather have you cold than lukewarm because he is passionate about you. **Revelation 2:4-5 (ESV)** *But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.*

The better you understand what He has done for you, the more passionate you are going to be about loving him with all your Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength.

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