

Be Consumed With Zeal For God

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Text

Romans 12:11

Never be lazy in your work, but serve the Lord enthusiastically. Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

Not lazy but diligent

Not slothful(indolent-causing little or no pain) but fervent

Not slow but quick

Introduction

Intro: God gives us time, gifts, and other resources according to our abilities, and He expects us to use well what he has given us. (1 Tim. 4:14-16)

Illus. The ant

What is being lazy?

You have a chance to evangelize but you just passed it.

You have a time to forgive someone but you ignore it

You have a way to help someone but you missed it

How can we serve God enthusiastically?

1, Be prayerful: Prayer inspired us to serve not out of obligation but passion
(Acts 4:31/ 1 Peter 5:2-3)

Illus. Moses' face glowed after he spent time with God, and so us
also (Mat. 5:14:16)

2, Be Spirit filled: Stephen faced even death because of his zeal in serving
God. (Acts 7:55)

Illus. Daniel's remain faithful to God, even in front of a lions.
(Daniel 6:10:12)

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Never be lazy in your task for God (Roma 12:11)

1. As a servant we are accountable to our Master.(Mat.25:14-30)
2. We will reap a harvest of blessings in due time.(Gal.6:9)
3. Time to rest and rewards is coming ,Jesus is coming back.(Rev.22:12)

Conclusion

Maintain your zeal for God by being devoted through right relationship "For without Me ye can do nothing".John 15:5.

(CEV) It was now spring, the time when kings go to war. David sent out the whole Israelite army under the command of Joab and his officers. They destroyed the Ammonite army and surrounded the capital city of Rabbah, but David stayed in Jerusalem. 2 Sam 11:1

Committed adultery, killed his own mighty man, sacrifice his people, put shame in his household, displeases his God

What if David went to war? Will the outcome be different?