

Reigniting Your Passion for God — Nested Outline (with Scripture)

I. Big Idea: Love God Passionately

A. The Great Commandment—whole-life love

1. *Mark 12:30* — “Love the Lord your God with **all** your heart... soul... mind... strength.”
2. *Colossians 3:23* — “Whatever you do, do it **heartily**, as for the Lord...”
3. *Romans 12:11* — “Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor...”

II. Why Passion Matters

A. Passion fuels purpose and endurance

1. *Ecclesiastes 9:10* — “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might.”
2. *Philippians 3:12–14* — Press on toward the goal.
3. *2 Timothy 1:6* — “Fan into flame the gift of God...”

III. Seven Passion Killers (and Biblical Antidotes)

A. Unbalanced Schedule

1. Problem: Too much output or too much input
 - *Ecclesiastes 3:1* — “To everything there is a season.”
 - *Psalms 127:2* — God gives His beloved sleep.
 - *Mark 6:31* — “Come away... and rest a while.”
2. Antidote: Train for godliness and build rhythm
 - *1 Timothy 4:7–8* — “Train yourself for godliness.”

B. Unused Talent

1. Problem: Gifts shelved → boredom/burnout
 - *1 Peter 4:10* — Use your gift to serve others.
 - *1 Corinthians 12:4–7* — Gifts given “for the common good.”
2. Antidote: Serve where you’re shaped
 - *Romans 12:6–8* — Use the grace-gifts.

C. Unconfessed Sin

1. Problem: Guilt suffocates joy and zeal
 - *Psalms 32:3–5* — Silence drained strength; confession brought relief.
 - *Psalms 38:4, 6* — Guilt as a heavy burden.
2. Antidote: Confess and receive cleansing
 - *1 John 1:9* — He is faithful and just to forgive.

D. Unresolved Conflict

1. Problem: Resentment, jealousy, prolonged anger drain passion
 - *Job 5:2* — Resentment destroys; jealousy kills.
 - *Job 18:4* — “You are only hurting yourself with your anger.”
 - *Ephesians 4:26–27, 31–32* — Don’t let anger linger; forgive.
2. Antidote: Reconcile and release

- *Matthew 5:23–24* — Go and be reconciled.
- *Romans 12:18* — “As far as it depends on you...”

E. Unsupported Lifestyle

1. Problem: Isolation cools the heart
 - *Ecclesiastes 4:9–10* — Two are better than one.
 - *Hebrews 10:24–25* — Don’t neglect meeting; spur one another on.
2. Antidote: Commit to community
 - *Acts 2:42* — Teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, prayers.

F. Unclear Purpose

1. Problem: Motion without meaning breeds apathy
 - *Isaiah 49:4* — “I have labored in vain...”
 - *Proverbs 19:21* — The Lord’s purpose prevails.
2. Antidote: Re-center on God’s calling
 - *Ephesians 2:10* — Created for good works.
 - *Philippians 1:21* — “To live is Christ.”

G. Undernourished Spirit

1. Problem: Pressures shrink the soul when unfed
 - *Deuteronomy 8:3* / *Matthew 4:4* — Man lives by every word of God.
 - *John 15:5* — Abide to bear fruit.
2. Antidote: Daily nourishment
 - *Joshua 1:8* — Meditate day and night.
 - *Psalms 63:1* — “My soul thirsts for You.”

IV. Reignite the Fire: Practice the Five Purposes in Balance

- A. Worship** — Personal & corporate
 - *John 4:23–24*; *Psalms 29:2*
- B. Fellowship** — Life-giving relationships
 - *Acts 2:42*; *Hebrews 10:24–25*
- C. Discipleship** — Word, prayer, obedience
 - *2 Timothy 3:16–17*; *Colossians 3:16*
- D. Ministry** — Serve with your gifts
 - *Ephesians 4:11–12*; *1 Peter 4:10*
- E. Mission** — Share the gospel
 - *Matthew 28:18–20*; *2 Corinthians 5:20*

V. Remember God’s Passion for You

- A. God’s jealous (zealous) love**
 - *Exodus 34:14* — “The LORD... is a jealous God.”
- B. The cross as the proof**
 - *Romans 5:8*; *1 John 4:9–10* — Love demonstrated in Christ.
 - *Isaiah 53:5* — Pierced for our transgressions.
- C. Communion as remembrance**
 - *1 Corinthians 11:23–26*; *Luke 22:19*

VI. Weekly Rhythm to Sustain Passion

- A. **Daily:** Word & prayer (*Psalm 5:3; Mark 1:35*)
- B. **Weekly:** Gather & rest (*Hebrews 10:25; Exodus 20:8–10*)
- C. **Regular Retreats:** Rest and recalibrate (*Mark 6:31*)

VII. Self-Examination & Response

- A. Holy Spirit search
 - *Psalm 139:23–24* — “Search me... lead me.”
- B. Consecration
 - *Romans 12:1–2* — Present your bodies; be transformed.
- C. Commitment: Identify your #1 passion-killer and take one obedient step this week (tie to Scriptures above).

VIII. Closing Prayer Points

- A. Confession and cleansing (*1 John 1:9*)
- B. Fresh filling and fire (*Ephesians 5:18; Acts 4:31*)
- C. Bold love and zeal (*Romans 12:11; Colossians 3:23*)

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