

A Renewed Passion and Love for Souls

Throughout the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ, we find that He took time to minister to the lost soul, those hurting, and people in need both physically and spiritually. In Luke 7:36-50, Jesus was visiting at a Pharisee's house and a woman who was a sinner brought in an alabaster box of ointment and anointed the feet of Jesus. In her humility, she wept, pouring out her soul, and with her tears washed the feet of Jesus and dried His feet with her hair and kissed them. She was showing such heartfelt gratitude, love, and respect for Jesus and His ministry and what He had personally done for her.

When we love much, that love overflows into action. The perfume she brought probably cost her a great price, but no expense was too much, and she gave it all willingly with a heart of compassion and love. What is His sacrifice worth to us? What are we willing to do to show our love and appreciation for His love for us?

How can we show our love and passion for souls?

- We can humble ourselves in prayer and seek the face of God for His will.
- We can spend time reading the Word of God and let God speak into our hearts.
- We can pray that we are willing to practice what we have read in the Word of God and apply the principles of His Word to make a difference in people's lives.
- We can show our gratitude for God and His love for us by sharing what He has done for us with others who do not know God. (Matthew 7:12-20)
- We can give of our time to teach Bible Studies, teach a Sunday School class, become involved in the Church, and give of ourselves unselfishly and willing.
- We can give of our money both in our tithes and offerings to bless the work of God in our local church and across the nations. (Luke 6:38)
- We can share our blessings with others who are in need. (Matthew 19:21)

Do we receive the Word of God with joy? How do we express that joy?

Luke 8:11-15 tells us the story of the parable of the sower. In our busy world, our life can become entangled with the cares of life, our job, our families, our desires, and we let our soil become hard and calloused. What are our priorities in life? Do we need to examine our goals, our dreams, and our plans, or do they agree with the Word of God? Let us pour back into others what God has blessed us with and rekindle our passion to do the work of God and love other others the way Jesus would.

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