



Sacrificial Zeal!

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Text: John 2:18-25

Passage Summary: While receiving the gift of the salvation Jesus came to provide takes place in a _____ at the time of our conversion, the process of discipleship, that is, becoming a fully devoted follower of Jesus, takes place over the course of a _____!

180 Degree Truth #1: See that a fundamental aspect of the disciple making process involves a _____ enabled, growing _____! (2:18-25)

Zeal: to have great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or objective; action that is characterized by passion or fervor that is coupled with intense emotion.

Application: Recognize that when it comes to a Spirit enabled, growing zeal...

- Make sure your zeal is _____ in _____!
(v.18-22)

“Then the Jews demanded of him, ‘What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.’”

John 2:18-19

“You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.”

John 5:39-40

“Jesus didn’t waste His words on people who didn’t want to hear. In fact, He didn’t speak in order to convince the skeptic or sway the dissenter. His words were intended to divide His audience into two groups: receptive hearts and hard hearts. He understood that hearing Him is not an intellectual process, but a crisis of the will.”

Chuck Swindoll

Remember: When it comes to a Spirit enabled, growing zeal, there is a lot more at stake than we often realize, for a Biblically uninformed zeal can have a _____ and _____ effect not only on a body of believers, but a lost and dying world as well!

- Never allow your zeal to _____ you to the _____ of humanity! (v.23-25)

“Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many people saw the miraculous signs he was doing and believed in his name. But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men.”

John 2:23-24

“When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.”

1 Peter 2:23

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Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine as a follower of Christ living in the last days, that a sacrificial zeal will comprise an important aspect of your life and ministry; to be sure, we may incur some _____ along the way, but the _____ of Jesus that tell the story of our redemption remind us in the words of the well-known hymn...

*“On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand”*

Edward Mote, On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.”

1 John 3:16