

Fervent

The Bible uses lots of different ways to describe followers of God, but one of the most interesting ones is “fervent.” What do you think of when you hear that word? One definition is “having a passionate intensity.” Does that describe you in your Christian life? As we consider where the Bible shows us the zeal that God wants us to have in serving Him, ask yourself, how can I be fervent?

Fervent in Spirit

- 1.) We are encouraged to have a fervent spirit (Rom. 12:2)
 - a. Apollos is a great example (Acts 18:24, 1 Cor. 1:12)
 - b. Others in the New Testament showed the excitement of what Jesus can do (Mark 1:40-45, 7:31-37)
- 2.) Thinking about what Jesus has done increases our fervor
 - a. Those in New Testament times saw physical things
 - b. We know the spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3)

Fervent in Prayer

- 1.) Paul certainly believed in fervent prayer (Col.4:12)
- 2.) James writes about the power of passionate, fervent prayer (James 5:16)

Fervent in Love

- 1.) While love is talked about all through the Word of God, Peter teaches about the degree of that love (1 Peter 1:22, 4:7-8)
 - a. Love for each other helps our relationships
 - b. Jesus teaches us to be known for our fervent love (John 13:34)
- 2.) God Himself leads us as the ultimate example of fervent love (John 3:16-17)
 - a. Think of how God has shown us this love (Romans 5:6-8)
 - b. How must we demonstrate this type of fervent love?

We can be a powerful influence and resource for God when we live fervently. Remember the blessings of God and how He has affected your life. Encourage others and commit to a life of passionate service, one that will glorify God and build up your brethren.