

1 Are you burning for God?

2 Scripture

- Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. (Rom 12:11 ESV)

3 Definitions

- fervent - having or showing great emotion or zeal. Extremely hot; glowing. It derives from a word meaning “to boil.”
- zeal - tireless devotion for a person, cause, or ideal-determination in its furtherance, diligent enthusiasm, powerful interest.
- maintain - cause or enable (a condition or state of affairs) to continue, conserve, keep, retain, preserve, sustain.

4 Picture

- A Sloth

5 Scripture

- Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master. (Ro. 12:11 MSG)

6 Putting Out the Fire

- Areas of compromise that puts out our flame:
 - Neglecting the reading of God's word on a regular basis, (When is your sacred time with the Lord?).
 - Having a negative or cynical attitude towards self or others.
 - Associating with people who aren't serving God and could care less about the things of God. (Includes TV and movies.)
 - Not being generous in your giving.
 - Holding on to offenses, unforgiveness, and bitter root judgements.
 - Forsaking the assembly of God's people. (Just because you have an excuse doesn't mean you have to take it. It is OK to make the devil mad.)
 - Not serving in some capacity at my local church with the motive of doing it unto the Lord.

7 Fueling the Fire

- We are to be fervent in love. Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another. 1 Peter 4:8a
- We are to be fervent in prayer. Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. Col. 4:12
- We are to be fervent or zealous in good deeds. Christ gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. Titus 2:14

- We are to be zealous in generosity. Your zeal in giving has stirred up most of them. 2 Cor. 9:2
- We are to be fervent in preaching, sharing the good news! Apollos was fervent in spirit and spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus. Acts 18:25

8 Conclusion