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*Romans 12:11*

*Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.*

Jesus said we are not to be of the world even though we are in the middle of it and that means not buying into an “it doesn’t matter, shoulder shrug” mentality. We are to be zealous, showing and sharing our convictions through what we say and how we live, especially when those convictions contradict the “popular” positions of our day.

God’s Perspective

On Worship

Romans 12:1

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

On Works

*[Christ] gave himself for us...to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works (Titus 2:14). The gospel produces people who are created for good works (Eph. 2:10), and have a reputation for good works (1 Tim. 5:10), and are rich in good works (1 Tim. 6:18), and present a model of good works (Titus 2:7), and devote themselves to good works (Titus 3:8,14), and stir each other up to good works (Heb. 10:24).*

From Apathy to Zeal

Correct Focus

Hebrews 12:1-2

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Love Your Lord

Luke 14:25-26

*Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.*

Carry Your Cross

Luke 14:27

*Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.*

Be Intentional

1 Peter 2:21

*For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.*

Be intentional, make every effort, be diligent, practice, be disciplined...be disciples.

Ecclesiastes 9:10

*Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.*

In the grave there's no time to do the Lord's work anymore. There is no time to make a stand in this indifferent culture. There's no time to invest in God's church or in God's people. In the grave there's no more time to be courageous to stand up and speak up for those that don't have a voice. That should make us *zealous, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.*

## *Notes for Little Saints*

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Apathy is when our attitude says “I \_\_\_\_\_” and you shrug your shoulders and wander off in boredom.

List three areas of your life where your attitude shows you don't care and you act like you have wandered off from giving your best service to the Lord. These are areas to pray for God's help.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

What are the three ways to turn our apathy (not caring) into zeal (hunger to serve the Lord)?

Correct \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Your Lord

Carry \_\_\_\_\_

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