

## Romans 12:11

### Zeal

*Distinctive temperaments ...*

#### I. Resist Routine Religion

- A. Symptoms of Sloth
- B. Warnings against Apathy

**VS.**

#### II. Foster Fiery Faith

- A. Stoking the Heat
- B. Shining the Light
- C. Living the Life

*... common zeal.*

**Children, Listen ...**

1. Can we sometime be lazy about living for Jesus?
2. Does just doing “church things” mean we have faith?
3. What can we do to help keep our faith lively?
4. If we have real faith, will other people be able to see it in our life?
5. Sometimes our devotion and faith is weak, but can we still trust God to keep us in even in those times?

### Your Highest Passion?

We may be zealous for many things and as long as they are good things there is nothing wrong with that. Obviously if those things become idols that unduly captivate our hearts they must be cast down to their proper place. On the other hand we are certainly allowed to be enthusiastic about lots of things this life affords. Yet there is one passion that must far surpass all other loves and capture our zeal more completely than anything else in life, and that is, our desire for God. We all have different dispositions and we express our fervency in sometimes very different ways, but no matter what our distinctive temperament may be, every Christian should seek to have hearts aflame with the things of God. True faith does not allow us to be comfortable with lethargy, lukewarmness or listlessness in our life of service to God our Savior. Instead we are to be in a constant state of personal renewal, refreshment and revival. We can only attain a state of spiritual zeal by regular pursuit of the means of grace God has given us along with the stirring of the Holy Spirit. *Lord we long to have a greater desire for You and we want to learn to love what you love with greater passion, grant us grace to that end, send your Holy Spirit, stir our hearts, invigorate our lives that we might serve our You with the kind of delight and earnest enthusiasm our Lord Jesus served You with when He walked this earth in His time of humiliation.*