

“Renewing Our Zeal For God”

Lesson Text: **Romans 12:1-12.**

I. Reminding Ourselves What Zeal Is.

- **Zeal:** “Ardor of feeling taking the form of jealousy, ardent affection of devotion, impassioned eagerness, ardor in pursuit, active interest, enthusiasm, fervor.”

Romans 12:11, “*not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;*”

zeo (ζέω, 2204), “to be hot, to boil” (Eng. “zeal” is akin), is metaphorically used of “fervency” of spirit, Acts 18:25; Rom. 12:11. Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words (Vol. 2, p. 233).

- Jehu’s Zeal- **2 Kings 9:20; 10:16-28.**
- David’s Zeal- **Psalm 119:139**
- Jesus’ Zeal- **John 2:17.**
- Paul’s Zeal- **Philippians 3:6; Acts 17:16.**
- The Jews Zeal For God And The Law- **Acts 21:20; 22:3; Romans 10:1-2.**
- Zeal in Repentance- **Revelation 2:19-20.**

II. Taking Inventory Of Our Zeal.

- How Have I Done This Past Year..... What About This Year?
- Am I “Zealous Of Good Works?” **Titus 2:14.**
- Do I Feel Like David In **Psalm 42:1-2?**
- Is There A “Fire In My Heart” To Serve God? **Jeremiah 20:8-9; Luke 24:32-35.**
- Does Going To Services Fill Us With Joy? **Psalm 122:1**
- Is Our First Love Still Our First Love? **Revelation 2:1-4.**
- Is God’s Kingdom Still 1st Place? **Matthew 6:33.**

III. Identifying Dangers To Our Zeal.

- Get Rid Of Sin- **Hebrews 12:1.**
- Get Rid Of “*Time Stealers.*” **2 Timothy 2:4.**
Too Much Entertainment, Leisure Time, Distractions...
- Eliminate Bad attitudes:
“That I don’t have to be zealous.” (Nominal, middle of the road Christian)
“I do enough for God at services on Sunday’s and Wednesday’s....”
“I don’t want to get that involved.”
“When I have time to be zealous, I will then.”

IV. Refocusing Our Zeal For God.

- The good News: It’s Something We Can Change! **Revelation 2:5.**
- Add some time For God into our schedule.
- Make Personal Goals for this year:
 - Invite 5 people a week to services.
 - Read 3, 5, 7.... books this year on Bible Material.
 - Work workbooks at home in our personal studies.