



## A Transformed Life: Stoking the Fire of Spiritual Zeal

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*Make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue... knowledge... self-control... steadfastness... godliness... brotherly affection... love. If these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. - 2 Peter 1:3 – 11*

*Zeal without knowledge is not good...*

*- Proverbs 19:2*

*Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.*

*- Romans 12:11 – 13*

*Zeal is like fire. In the chimney it is one of the best servants; but out of the chimney it is one of the worst masters.*

*- Thomas Brooks*

*(Many) are bound and determined to pursue zeal without knowledge, I fear we have learned to be skeptical about zeal instead of ignorance. The answer to zeal without knowledge is never knowledge without zeal, but zeal inspired by, driven by, and informed by knowledge. - R.C. Sproul Jr.*

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Question: What does spiritual zeal (fervent spirit) look like in the follower of Christ?

1. A fervent spirit is not Slothful but Diligent in Serving the Lord (vs. 11)
2. A fervent spirit leans into God's Grace especially under Pressure (vs. 12)
3. A fervent spirit shares with Others by Making Friends through Hospitality (vs. 13)

Question for Reflection and Discussion:

- What part of this description of a fervent spirit do you want to take home and apply?
- What will you do differently to stoke the fire of your spiritual zeal in serving the Lord?