

LIVE PASSIONATELY
One Month To Live, Part 2
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Nothing great ever happens without passion
Mark 12:30 (TM) "So love the Lord God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy."

One reason we lose passion is because we forget who made us & whose we are
Romans 12:11(NIV) "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."

Passion is something you can lose so you must work at keeping your passion

Luke 5:18-20; 24-26 (NIV) "Some men came carrying a paralytic on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, He said, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven...But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...' He said to the paralyzed man, 'I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.' Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, 'We have seen remarkable things today.'"

The worse thing about a crowded life is it keeps you from being close to Christ

How To Recapture Passion In Your Life

1. Do something drastic

Luke 5:19 (NIV) "When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus."

- **To restore the passion in your life, you need to stop and ask the Clarifying Question:**
"If you knew you had one month to live, how would you live your life?"

Our problem is not time management; our problem is life management

When people find out they have a short time to live, they suddenly realize what matters most in life - relationships

- **The Clarifying Question helps you to realize what's really important**

We often worry about stuff that's just not going to last

- **When you ask yourself the "clarifying question," you start removing obstacles**

We rarely get the most important things done because our schedules are always full

2. Expect the unexpected

I need to prioritize the things that really matter, but when my plans get messed up, I need to realize God is in control

Luke 5:20 (NIV) "When Jesus saw their faith, He said, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven.'"

We need to learn how to receive the unexpected because Jesus knows what's best for us

When we allow God to interrupt our lives, it usually doesn't look like God

3. Create God space (see Luke 5:19 again)

In our crowded lives we have to create a space intentionally to meet with Jesus
Watch the trap of “w hen - t hen” thinking

If we aren't doing the important things now, they are never going to get done
Mark 1:35-38 (NIV) “Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for Him, and when they found Him, they exclaimed, ‘Everyone is looking for You!’ Jesus replied, ‘Let us go somewhere else...’”

If no one else is pleased, we need to please God

When I spend time with God He begins to clarify things, & they begin to fall
into place

Proverbs 10:27 (LB) “Reverence for God adds hours to each day...”

There is enough time in the day to get done everything God wants you to get done;
there's not enough time in your day to get done what everyone wants you to get done.

4. **Keep a constant** reminder

Luke 5:24 (NIV) “He said to the paralyzed man, ‘I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.’”

We need a constant reminder to live this “one month to live lifestyle”

Look at the website “onemonthtolive.com” & look at “One Month to Live Lifestyle” section

These four principles in One Month to Life are universal but unique in expression
Luke 5:25 (NIV) “Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on & went home praising God.”

Say it now, do it now, and give it now

Psalm 46:10 (NIV) “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

My Next Step Today

- I will take the 30 Day Challenge by asking the question every day, “What would I do if I had one month to live?”
- I want to get in a small group & share the 30 day experience³ with others once a week
- I will read a Chapter a day in the book One Month to Live & journal personal thoughts & experiences
- I/we will participate in Faith in Action on Sunday afternoon, May 15th
- I/we will attend the Meet the Pastors Meal on Sunday, May 29th at 12:45 PM