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## What Are You Passionate About? January 24, 2018

Passion can be bad. The Bible describes passions and lusts of the flesh. Some people hear the word "passion" and automatically think of undesirable

passions.

Passion can also be good. Passionate people make diligent efforts to fulfill the dreams that drive them.

People who are passionate for God have a burning desire to pursue God and do his will. They passionately desire to participate and help fulfill God's eternal purpose. Jesus was a passionate person. A quick trip through the Gospels will discover quite a list of things for which Jesus was passionate.

When a person is really passionate, that passion flows out into the lives of others. Passion is contagious. One passionate person can ignite an entire group. Passion changes the world. Passion says that goal is worth seeking at any cost.

I regularly receive articles from JGC Ministries. A recent article shared this quote from Antoine de Saint-Exupery, a French writer from early 20<sup>th</sup> century: "If you want to build a ship, don't drum up the men to gather wood, divide the work, and give orders. Instead, teach them to yearn for the vast and endless sea."

The contemporary church could use a good dose of passion—
Passion for God, yearning for God
Passion for the Word of God, yearning for the Word
Passion for the Good News of Jesus
Passion for souls! Passion for the harvest! Passion for more laborers! The fields are white, the harvest is plenteous, the workers are few.

May God send us more men and women of passion!