

When we talk about passion:

We're talking about a **burning drive** God places within us **to change the world.**

2 Timothy 1-4-Passion

1 From Paul, an apostle of Jesus the Messiah, appointed by God's pleasure to announce the wonderful promise of life found in Jesus, the anointed Messiah.

2 My beloved son, **I pray for a greater release of God's grace, love, and total well-being to flow into your life from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ!**

3 You know that I've been called to serve the God of my fathers with a clean conscience. **Night and day I pray for you, thanking God for your life!**

4 I know that you have wept for me, your spiritual father, and your tears are dear to me. I can't wait to see you again! I'm filled with joy.

1. We Need To Reach Up To God.

Verse 2 - My beloved son, **I pray for a greater release of God's grace, love, and total well-being to flow into your life from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ!**

James 5:16-AMP

16 Confess to one another therefore your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins) **and pray [also] for one another, that you may be healed and restored [to a spiritual tone of mind and heart].**

2. We Need To Reach Inside Ourselves.

2Timothy 1:5-Passion

...as **I think of your strong faith that was passed down through your family line.** It began with your grandmother Lois, who passed it on to your dear mother, Eunice. And it's clear that **you too are following in the footsteps of their godly example.**

Ephesians 3:16-17-AMP

...**to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man** by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality].

17 **May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts!**

3. We Need To Reach Down To Others.

2Timothy 6-7-Passion

6 I'm writing **to encourage you to fan into a flame and rekindle a the fire of the spiritual gift God imparted to you** when I laid my hands upon you.

7 For God will never give you the spirit of fear, but the Holy Spirit who gives you mighty power, love, and self-control.

Hebrews 10:24-AMP

24 And let us consider *and* give attentive, continuous care to **watching over one another,** studying **how we may stir up (stimulate and incite) to love and helpful deeds and noble activities,**...

Passion - Discover creative ways to encourage others and **to motivate them toward acts of compassion, doing beautiful works as expressions of love.**

4. We Need To Reach Out To The World.

2Timothy 1:11-12-Passion

11 And he has anointed me as his preacher, his apostle, and his teacher of truth to the nations.

12 The confidence of my calling enables me to overcome every difficulty without shame, for I have an intimate revelation of this God. And my faith in him convinces me that he is more than able to keep all that I've placed in his hands safe and secure until the fullness of his appearing.

Ephesians 2:10-NLT

10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.

Passion - ...a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny he has given each of us, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. Even before we were born, God planned in advance our destiny and the good works we would do to fulfill it!

2Corinthians 5:20-Passion

20 We are ambassadors of the Anointed One who carry the message of Christ to the world, as though God were tenderly pleading with them directly through our lips. So we tenderly plead with you on Christ's behalf, "Turn back to God and be reconciled to him."



**LET GOD STRIKE THE MATCH IN
YOUR HEART.**

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