

# Study QUESTIONS

## Ep.1337: Is My Life on Fire for Christ?

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SHOW NOTES

1. What is the Old Testament definition of “zeal?” Divide your answers into positive and negative meanings. How did David’s zeal for the Lord manifest itself over and over? (Psalms 69:9, 132:2-5, 2 Samuel 6:12-19, 7:2, 1 Chronicles 22:2-19, 28:9-20, 29:2-5)
2. Where are the roots of zeal “born?” How did Mary and Elizabeth exhibit these roots? How is zeal different from an emotional spike? How did Mary and Joseph’s example affect Jesus? (Luke 1:44-50, 2:41-52)
3. What is the New Testament definition of “zeal?” What does zeal do to emotion? What does the word “temple” in **John 2:13-17** refer to? In what way did Jesus exhibit zeal when he cleansed the Temple of the moneychangers? Was he out of control during these actions? How do we know? Why was Jesus upset with this practice going on in the Temple?
4. When Jesus answered the Pharisees in **John 2:18-22**, what did he say? Why was this strange? What does the word translated “temple” mean here? To what two things did this temple refer? How does Jesus’ cleansing out the moneychangers apply to us? Why is **Revelation 18:4** a warning to us? (1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:17-20, 12:27, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:20-22)
5. Describe each scriptural example of “Zeal that Breaks Us Down” and how we can counteract it:  
*Misdirected zeal* – Romans 9:31-32, 10:1-4 *Zeal as a tool of discontent* – James 3:13-16  
*Zeal used for dark purposes even with good intentions* – Philippians 3:4-6
6. Describe each scriptural example of “Zeal that Builds Us” and think about how you can access this in your life:  
*Godly zeal* – 2 Corinthians 11:2-3 *Selflessness* – Romans 15:1-3 *To live for Christ* – Philippians 1:21
7. Contrast the shallower emotion with the deeper zeal in each case—explain how to find the zeal:
  - a. Hebrews 10:23-25
  - b. Romans 12:1-2
  - c. Romans 10:14-15
  - d. James 1:21-24
  - e. 2 Timothy 2:15,16
8. How can you “set your face like flint”? What can you do in your life to be more on fire for Christ? (Isaiah 50:6-7, Hebrews 12:28-29)