

A large warning sign with a red border and a grey background, featuring a black exclamation mark in the center. The sign is set against a dark grey grid background with yellow and black diagonal hazard stripes at the top and bottom.

Danger, Love Ahead

Three Part Passion

Recap

Cycle of Destructive Desire

separated (dragged away)

taken to a place relationally to justify ourselves

attention (enticed)

we are now focused on the sin

time (conceived)

the justification process, wearing down defences

sin (giving birth)

we now act upon the process and reap death

Recap

Cycle of Maturity

because you know that the **testing** of your faith produces **perseverance**. **vs 3**

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven **genuineness of your faith** **1 Peter 1:6-7**

Perseverance is the stamina (grit) to endure the process of Christ-likeness

Recap

Blessed are those who **hunger and **thirst** for righteousness, for they will be filled.**

Matthew 5:6

Follow a Career Passion? Let It Follow You

Cal Newport, New York Times

Growing up, we were told by guidance counsellors, career advice books, the news media and others to “follow our passion.” **This advice assumes that we all have a pre-existing passion waiting to be discovered.** If we have the courage to discover this calling and to match it to our livelihood, the thinking goes, we’ll end up happy. If we lack this courage, we’ll end up bored and unfulfilled — or, worse, in law school.

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But this philosophy puts a lot of pressure on the rest of us — and demands long deliberation. **If we're not careful, it tells us, we may end up missing our true calling.** And even after we make a choice, we're still not free from its effects. Every time our work becomes hard, we are pushed toward an existential crisis, centred on what for many is an obnoxiously unanswerable question: **"Is this what I'm really meant to be doing?"** This constant doubt generates anxiety and chronic job-hopping.

Dangers of Passion

Passion isn't permission

**Passion can be nothing more than
thinly veiled narcissism**

**Passion has become the pursuit
of pleasure**

Three Part Passion

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. [Romans 12:11](#)

Three Part Passion

Never

Faith without these two elements is dry and unfruitful. The two things Jesus spoke against constantly

Absence of these elements speaks to the state of spiritual decay

Three Part Passion

be lacking in zeal

earnestness, diligence (faithful)

“Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him **doing so when he returns.” **Matthew 24:45-46****

diligence is activity of the Kingdom

Three Part Passion

Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is **always wrestling in prayer for you**, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. I vouch for him that he is **working hard for you** and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis.

Colossians 4:12-13

diligence can be defined as the
movement of being faithful

Three Part Passion

but keep your spiritual fervour

Greek – zelos , zeo (to boil, be hot)

excitement for God

They asked each other, “Were not our hearts **burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”**

Luke 24:32

Three Part Passion

for our “God is a **consuming fire.**” **Hebrews 12:29**

Do not **quench** the Spirit. **1 Thessalonians 5:19**

For this reason I remind you to **fan into flame** the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. **1 Timothy 1:6-7**

The fervour is spiritual, not emotional

Three Part Passion **serving the Lord**

**Our faithfulness and excitement were
meant to be focused towards God**

**So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or
'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For
the pagans run after all these things, and your
heavenly Father knows that you need them. But
seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and
all these things will be given to you as well.**

Matthew 6:31-33

How Skipping Church Affects Your Children

Micah Anglo

"Maybe the reason why our children have no love for Christ is due to the fact that we as parents do not show any love or passion for Christ, evidenced by how we prioritize our time both on Sundays and during the week."

"Let's evaluate where our hearts are by observing our choices."

Biblical Passion

faithfulness + spiritual excitement + serving God

**Don't be unfaithful, keep your excitement for
life when you stay focused on God**

Those who belong to Christ Jesus **have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. **Galatians 5:24-25****