

Q&A from Life B-P Church Camp 2026

1. If the way we grow in passion is by knowing Jesus more in His word and prayer, What do we do if we have no passion to read Gods Word or pray?

Answer: If we have no passion to read God's Word and pray, the remedy is to read God's Word and pray as a matter of obedience. And as we obey, God will speak to us through His Word and enable us to grow in passion.

2. What are some insidious signs that our passion for God is waning, even when we remain active in church and ministry?

Answer: Some insidious signs that our passion for God is waning is that we begin to rely more on ourselves than on God to serve in church, worldly entertainment becomes more attractive to us, and we fall more easily into sin.

3. Any one hvg passion for Jesus's return given momentous anxiety in Israel over being increasingly abandon by its sole backer, the US?

Answer: Our passion for Christ's return should remain unchanged regardless of the situation in Israel. While we watch the news with keen interest in how Bible prophecies regarding the last days may be unfolding, our passion for Christ's return must always be based on our love for Him.

4. How do we actually and practically let go of grudges? Can a Christian truly flourish spiritually while harbouring deep-rooted resentment, and how can such bitterness be overcome?

Answer: Without overcoming bitterness, it is difficult for a Christian to flourish spiritually. Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:31,32 – *“Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.”* To overcome bitterness, we must understand that when someone commits an offence against us, we do not have the right to respond to it with resentment. This is because the forgiveness we received from God obligates us to forgive him, whether he apologized or not. Therefore, if we allow bitterness to take root in our lives, we must recognize that we have sinned and then confess it to God. Forgiving others and taking ownership for our own sin of bitterness is not easy, but it is necessary. Only then will be able to let go of grudges.

5. To what extent should Christians be accountable to one another for their passion for God, since only God truly knows the heart?

Answer: We ought to encourage one another to have passion for God. If someone lacks passion for God, Christian love requires us to help him. But we should be careful not to judge him, as he may be dealing with challenging issues that affect his passion. One way to be sensitive rather than judgmental is to ask him if there is anything we can pray for him. This is sufficient to show that we care and would like to help.

6. Are Christians who have backslidden saved?

Answer: All Christians experience spiritual ups and downs. Some Christians end up backslidden because of sin, but by God's grace they eventually return to Him. That indicates that they were saved from the beginning. There are, however, Christians who backslide and never return to God. It is doubtful that they were truly saved. Their profession of faith in Christ was probably not sincere. 1 John 2:19 – *“They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.”*

7. How does God view a Christian who has lost his passion for Him, and what does Scripture teach about restoring such a believer?

Answer: God still loves the Christian who has lost his passion for Him. In Revelation 2:4, Jesus lovingly rebukes the Church of Ephesus for having left their first love. Then He prescribes the remedy for them: *“Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.”* (v.5) Similarly, restoring a believer who has lost his passion requires helping him to see that he has fallen, and encouraging him to repent before God and do the first works.

8. If we forgive the person who likes to insult people, what can we do to have the person stop his/her insulting habit? (edited)

Answer: A loving admonition would be sufficient to make that person stop insulting people. But if he doesn't stop, then the help of others may be needed. Jesus said in Matthew 18:15-17, *“Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.”*

9. Is it wrong to have multiple passions on earth that are neither evil nor set apart for Christ? If so, how should we then direct these passions to glorify God? (edited)

Answer: Having multiple passions on earth that are neither evil nor set apart for Christ becomes wrong only when they compromise or replace our passion for God. It is possible to direct some passions by using them to glorify God. But there is a limit to our ability to do this for all of them. It is good to seek God's wisdom on which ones we should use and which ones we should give up. We can follow the example of the apostle Paul who said, *“I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.”* (Philippians 3:8)

10. What do you think churches/ Christian friends/ we should do to inspire a growing passion for God in each other?

Answer: We can strive to build closer bonds in our churches or among Christian friends, so that through these bonds every one of us can do our part to give and receive more encouragement from one another. This can take the form of sharing personal testimonies, good Christian books and articles, and even through singing together – *“...teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”* (Colossians 3:16)

11. Can the pursuit of passion for God become self-focused? How do we distinguish genuine devotion from spiritual self-effort?

Answer: Yes, the pursuit of passion for God can easily become self-focused. This happens when a person’s motives is to gain the praise of men. He says to everyone, like King Jehu, *“Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD.”* (2 Kings 10:16) His passion for God is like that of Paul before he was saved: *“For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews’ religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: And profited in the Jews’ religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.”* (Galatians 1:13,14, cf. 6:14) In contrast to that, genuine devotion seeks to draw attention only to Christ, and not to oneself. Genuine devotion derives the greatest happiness whenever Christ is exalted (cf. John 3:30) and is never discouraged when no one notices his passion for God.

12. We now know we need standards, and boundaries. How do we set them and how to know that those standards are truly godly themselves

Answer: The best way to set the right standards and boundaries is to teach the whole counsel of God so that everyone comes to share the same view of what constitutes true passion for God, and what is not true passion. This shared understanding then becomes the standard that everyone willingly upholds.

13. So far, we have discussed the importance of having passion for God, and its grounding in Christ and the Word. But what is the ACTUAL call to action for us?

Answer: This question was probably asked before hearing the messages where the action points are given. E.g. In message 2, a call was given to meditate on the truths of scripture in order to grow in passion for God. In message 3, there is a call for us to be determined and disciplined. Likewise, in message 4, we were directed to rely on the Holy Spirit in the process of sanctification.

14. Are Roman Catholics saved if they believe in justification by faith (but not alone) and salvation by God’s grace (but not alone)?

Answer: If Roman Catholics simply believe that the blood atonement and righteousness of Christ alone are sufficient for their salvation without adding any works of righteousness, they are saved. But if they endorse all the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church regarding salvation, it would be difficult to say that they are saved.

15. How does a passion for Christ look like practically?

Answer: J.C. Ryle listed eight marks by which love to (or passion for) Christ makes itself known: (1) When we like to think about Him. (2) When we like to hear about Him. (3) When we like to read about Him. (4) When we like to please Him. (5) When we like His friends. (6) When we are jealous about His name and honour. (7) When we like to talk to Him. (8) When we like to be always with Him.

16. What and where does God's word say about having a passion for God? What is His purpose for saying it and how does he want us to respond.

Answer: God Himself said this in Deuteronomy 6:4,5 – *"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."* His purpose in saying it is that His people would always remember it, live their lives by it, teach their children to live by it. Christ repeated this command in Matthew 22:37 and thus it now applies to us.

17. What does having a passion for God look like and what does it not look like?

Answer: Christ is the embodiment of passion for God. By learning all about the life and ministry of Christ we can see what true passion for God looks like. The Jews who opposed Christ and crucified Him show us what passion for God should not look like. They had a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge (Romans 10:2).

18. How do we develop ourselves and encourage others to strive towards having a passion for God?

Answer: We can develop ourselves and encourage others to strive towards having a passion for God by using the means of grace that God has provided, namely: The Word of God, the Spirit of God who dwells in us, and prayer.

19. Why is having a passion for God important?

Answer: Having passion for God is very important because it enables us to keep the greatest commandment (*"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."* – Matthew 22:37) and it fulfils our chief end, which is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

20. Do you think people would like less passion and more pattern, namely more believers following after the EXAMPLE of Christ? (edited)

Answer: Passion and pattern are not mutually exclusive. To have a passion for God is to actively follow after the example of Christ.

21. Should we just resign to the reality that not all have a passion for God? Not all are serious about our faith? What can we learn from Rev 3:16

Answer: The reality is that not all have the *same* passion for God. This is because passion for God grows with sanctification, and so we keep aspiring to have greater passion (cf. Philippians 3:13, 14). We should constantly be reminded not to be lukewarm (Revelation 3:16) but be serious about our faith.

22. The quick measure of our passion is usually how much we are serving God. Are there other means to prove our passion? Work and life often compete for our time.

Answer: A more accurate measure of our passion is how much we are conformed to the image of God, as found in Christ (Ephesians 4:13). This image is produced in the fruit of the Spirit which is *“love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.”* (Galatians 5:22,23) As these characteristics increase in us, they reveal our passion for God.

23. What are some biblical ways introverts can encourage and edify others without trying to become extroverts?

Answer: Some biblical ways that introverts can encourage and edify others are by being a good listener (James 1:19), interceding in prayer (Ephesians 6:18), and writing notes of encouragement.

24. Can we have passions for other things like hobbies and work?

Answer: There is no harm in having a passion for other things as long as they do not replace our passion for God. God has given us richly all things to enjoy (1 Timothy 6:17). But our chief source of enjoyment should always be God Himself (Psalm 16:11).

25. How do we know our passion is not misguided? If we are serving and super committed and think we are on track

Answer: The answer was given by Pastor Ki in his second message “Standard of Passion.” We should always check that our passion is well-grounded in God’s Word. Then we will be on the right track. Psalm 119:105 – *“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”*

26. How important is fellowship to Passion and how can we encourage better fellowship to support and nurture our Passion?

Answer: Fellowship is very important to Passion. Hebrews 10:24,25 – *“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”* We can encourage better fellowship by making it a priority to meet regularly with like-minded believers.

27. How do we best balance faith, family and career?

Answer: Balancing faith, family and career can only be done by setting our priorities in the right order. Faith takes the first priority, because Christ is our Lord. This is followed by family, since God has assigned responsibilities to each family member. While career is at the bottom of our priorities this does not mean that we need not be diligent in our assigned responsibilities. We ought to do our best but know our limits as well.

28. In repentance, when should a secret sin be dealt with privately before God, and when should accountability be sought?

Answer: Accountability should be sought for dealing with a secret sin when it is a habitual, besetting sin. If it is not such a sin, it can be dealt with privately before God.

29. Since passion for God involves the will, how do we know when it is Spirit-led rather than merely mechanical?

Answer: When a believer is filled with the Spirit, there is synergy between what he wills to do and what the Holy Spirit leads him to do. This can be seen in Philippians 2:12-13 – “...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”

30. Do you agree that a lukewarm church is the result of half-hearted preaching? Souls are denied the sincere milk of the word served hot from a passionate heart?

Answer: I agree that half-hearted preaching can produce a lukewarm church. If souls are not fed with the sincere milk of the Word served hot from a passionate heart, they would probably not be passionate as well. But we must not ignore the fact that the Word itself has power to kindle passion for God as long as it is faithfully preached (Isaiah 55:11). Hence, lukewarmness may also be due to the cold reception of the Word by those who hear it, despite all the passionate preaching they receive (See Revelation 3:14-21, and particularly the words of Jesus ‘if any man hear My voice and open the door in v.20).

31. Edifying passion carefully turns its attention to others to help build them up (Philippians 4:29-30) <- was this meant to be Phil 2:29-30?

Answer: Yes, it was clearly a typo.

32. Paul didn't reject Peter in his passionate dissension. He didn't start a new church, write endless epistles against him. Is that model still relevant today?

Answer: I think this refers to what is described in Galatians 2:11-13 – “*But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.*” Paul needed to express dissent in this instance because Peter's hypocritical behaviour strongly influenced many other Jewish believers to be hypocritical. There was no need for Paul to break fellowship with Peter on this matter or write endless epistles against him,

since Peter had not changed his beliefs but merely acted contrary to them. That Peter stood corrected by Paul can be seen in what he wrote about Paul's writings in 2 Peter 3:15 – "And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you." This is relevant today as a model of dealing with errors or inconsistent actions by Christian leaders. But it is not relevant as a model of dealing with false teachers (see Titus 3:10).

33. Though emotions are not the sole litmus test for passion, could we desire from God the feeling of "being on fire for Him" to affirm our passion for Him?

Answer: Feelings are not a reliable indicator of passion. A person may feel 'on fire' for God and still lead a sinful and worldly life. I think that a better indicator of passion, and one that we ought to desire from God is the 'renewing of our mind' that is mentioned in Romans 12:2. This refers to a significant change in our worldview and values from being conformed to the world to being conformed to Christ.

34. Will over relying on our own determination be misconstrued as "our work" rather than relying on "God's grace" in salvation?

Answer: The context for relying on our determination is not salvation, but sanctification. Salvation is monergistic (relying on God's grace alone) while sanctification is synergistic (relying on our determination to use the means of grace).

35. When Jesus visits a man, His passion cuts through barriers and it's profound. It transcends even the soul. I am not so sure if our passion matters at all.

Answer: A man's salvation depends entirely on God's sovereign grace (Ephesians 2:8) – Thus it is right to say that Christ's passion alone can cut through barriers and subdue the man's soul. The process of sanctification that follows salvation however depends both on God and man. This can be seen in Philippians 2:12-13 – "*Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*" The words 'with fear and trembling' implies that our passion matters.

36. If my child leaves the faith in spite of my best efforts to live a christ centered life, what can I do besides praying for him/her?

Answer: Be encouraged to continue praying for your child by meditating on the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-24). If you have done your best to live a Christ-centred life, your child's return to the faith depends no longer on what you can do, but on what God will do in answer to your prayers.

37. In a doctrinally bland age of AI powered masses with the attention span of a hamster, can LBPC keep up its legacy of solid, unadulterated bible teaching?

Answer: Yes, Life Church can and should keep up its legacy of solid, unadulterated bible teaching. This is because AI is only a tool. It cannot replace the Spirit-empowered ministry of teaching and preaching of God's Word. Despite all the hype, the AI-weary masses are in fact beginning to crave for authentic human-generated and doctrinally-sound knowledge. The Church of Christ must therefore not be swayed by the trends of the times but be faithful to its mission of providing the solid, unadulterated bible teaching that can save sinners and sanctify saints.

38. How do you balance succession plan with God's plan? How do you know the ministry or program needs a successor or if it was meant to serve for just a season.

Answer: If the need that was met by a particular ministry no longer exists, then it was meant to serve for just a season. If the objectives of a particular program have been met, then it was also meant to serve for just a season. Hence, as long as the need still exists or the objectives have not been met, the ministry or program probably needs a successor.

39. The Song "Rejoice in the Lord" will not be easy to sing when we go through trials and tribulations. How can we continue to cling to God when we undergo these?

Answer: I think the only way we can continue to cling to God when going through trials and tribulations is to trust, obey and hope. Trust in God's sovereignty over every detail of our lives and trusting in His covenant faithfulness to His children (Psalm 56:3). Obey God patiently despite strong pressures to give up (Acts 5:29). Hope in our eternal weight of glory which surpasses our momentary light affliction (2 Corinthians 4:17; James 1:12)

40. How do we know if a path of service or calling marked by trials is God closing the door versus us continuing to be passionate in that service?

Answer: A path is closed when the circumstances make it humanly impossible to proceed any further. (Cf. Acts 16:6-7) However, there may be instances when God wants us to trust Him to overcome the obstacles. (E.g. Exodus 14:21,22) Therefore, when we are unsure whether God is closing the door in a path of service or calling marked by trials, we should ask God to show us what to do, and trust that He will provide the guidance we need.

41. Is a lack of suffering a reliable indicator of weak passion for God? Should Christians ever seek suffering for its own sake?

Answer: Lack of suffering is not a reliable indicator of weak passion for God. Passion for God is measured by a Christian's faithfulness to God whether or not he has to suffer for being faithful. Christians should therefore never seek suffering for its own sake, but they should be willing to embrace it if it is God's will for them to suffer.

42. If I have a legitimate passion with significant need amongst numerous people, but church's focus isn't in that direction, what shall I do with my passion?

Answer: If the legitimate passion you have is from God, but the church's focus is not in that direction, pray patiently that God will open the door for you to do His will (cf. Nehemiah prayer for four months before God moved the king of Persia to grant his request.).

Nothing can stop Him from meeting the significant need, if He wills it to be met.

43. If obeying God's will increases passion for God, how do we draw the line between having a right heart to serve and serving as a means of increasing passion?

Answer: We cannot excuse ourselves from doing God's will merely because we don't have the passion to do it. This applies to things like reading the Bible and praying, which are clearly God's will for every believer. But in other kinds of service (e.g. teaching God's Word or leading a Bible study group) it is imperative that we should have a right heart to serve first and not attempt to use our service as a means to increase our passion.

44. If saying that someone's child d*ed and that God is working for our good, what should we say instead, should we grieve?

Answer: It would be better to weep with them that weep (John 11:35; Romans 12:15). Admit that we too feel grieved by the child's death and that we do not understand why this has happened. Then provide hope by saying, *'Someday, we will understand. Until then, let us do our best to trust that God knows exactly how we feel and that He cares.'*

45. Is a "passionless" believer saved or not saved?

Answer: We need to be careful not to judge whether a believer is saved or not. Some believers may not be as expressive as others in showing their love or devotion for Christ. But if a professing Christian has no desire to know Christ, to pray, to read His Word and to obey Him, it is likely that he is not saved yet. And we should then gently help him to realise that he needs to be saved.

46. Would a passionate Christian fear the costs to pay by pursuing Christ, even if prepared to pay the cost?

Answer: Being prepared to pay the cost for pursuing Christ does not remove fear, especially if the cost is very great for him. But a passionate Christian will seek to overcome his fear by relying on God to give him the spiritual strength and courage he needs.

47. Can it be possible that many people have opinions on what my calling should be but I have not heard it from God?

Answer: God may use the opinions of many people to confirm His calling for you. But the call from God must first be personally received by you. If you rely on the opinions of people to guide you without having your own personal conviction, you may end up doing what pleases men and not God's will.

48. How do you differentiate the different challenges that pull us away from God? (Satan, Old man, Sin)

Answer: It is difficult to differentiate whether a challenge comes from Satan, or from the 'old man' that we are to put off, or from sin working in us, or even from a combination of all three. But what is more important than doing this, is to put on the whole armour of

God (Ephesians 6:10-18) so that none of them can pull us away from God.

49. What are some important principles that we should know regarding edifying one another?
What are some practical ways we can edify one another?

Answer: Principles regarding edifying one another: (1) It must be motivated by brotherly love (1 Corinthians 8:1), (2) What is communicated must minister grace (Colossians 4:6), (3) It should foster Christian unity (Ephesians 4:3). (4) Refrain from judging one another (Romans 14:13). Practical ways to edify one another: (1) Be genuinely interested in them – ask, “How can I pray for you?” (Philippians 2:4). (2) Listen to them attentively – seek to understand before being understood (James 1:19). (3) Share words of encouragement with them – hymns, stories or personal testimonies that may be useful to them (Proverbs 25:11). (4) Point them to Christ (Philippians 4:4, 13, 19). (5) Pray for them and with them (James 5:16).

50. What is the difference between providence and sovereignty?

Answer: Sovereignty is who God is (the One who has supreme authority and power to rule over all things), while providence is what God does to sustain and guide His creation.

51. What does 1 Corinthians 2:16 KJV mean regarding man's understanding of God's providence?

Answer: *“For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct Him? but we have the mind of Christ.”* (1 Corinthians 2:16) Here Paul paraphrases Isaiah 40:13 (“Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or being his counsellor hath taught him?”) to show that no one can ever comprehend the workings of God’s providence because human intellect is limited. However, we who are believers can discern God’s hand working in providence because our minds have been renewed through knowing Christ.

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