

ReNew Part 4 by Ben Saayman
Enthusiasm

Are you enthusiastic about your life in Christ?

Are you excited about your future with Him and His plans and purpose for your life?

Thank God I'm not where I used to be but I still face challenges and some of them I just can't seem to get behind me.

- ✔ If you are battling to do something and not getting it right or seeing progress - the chances are good that you are going about it the wrong way and you should change your strategy.

Not having a great day every day is not because of circumstances but a choice.

Make the choice today that you are loved by God and are a conqueror in every situation you face because of the Blood of Jesus!

- ✔ Circumstances and situations shouldn't change you. You should change your circumstances with Jesus

I have found that your attitude towards obstacles has more to do than your will power, your attitude never gets tired...your will power does however....

REMINDE yourself THAT ITS not who you are but WHO'S YOU ARE IN CHRIST.

Make a choice - no matter what is going on in the outside world, we know what is going on, on the inside of us, because we have Jesus and the Holy Spirit to encourage you.

Matthew 5:14 TPT "Your lives light up the world. Let others see your light from a distance, for how can you hide a city that stands on a hilltop?"

Your Enthusiasm has the ability to light up the world.

People with enthusiasm have that energy around them.... and that energy has a passion that drives them. It is usually just an awesome experience to be in their presence and enjoy their company.

Revelation 1:5-6 NKJV and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, [6] and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

The Word says:

1. Jesus is a faithful witness.
Jesus is faithful – He was faithful then, He is faithful now and He will be faithful till He returns
2. He is the first-born of the dead, and the Second Adam
Everything that was lost, broken, sickness, disease, defeat and death to sin by the first Adam in Genesis, Jesus came to restore completely.



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3. Because of Jesus finishing on the cross He is now the Ruler over Kings - He has The Authority and Power.
4. Jesus sees you as a king and priest.
 - The Kingship we have gives us a high standing in the eyes of God. You must believe that you are important to God. Being a king also represents power, authority and responsibility.
 - Four things make the priest:
Two of them express his standing, one of them his office, one of them his character. The priestly standing is marked by consecration and free access to God, the priestly office is sacrifice, the priestly character is purity.
And these four things - consecration, direct access to God, the power of offering sacrifice which is acceptable to Him, and purity of life and heart - are the gifts of Christ's hands to each of us.

The Christian life is the life of Christ in the soul, and consists in growing likeness to Him.

Jesus...

Is He a King? So are we.

Is He a Priest? So, therefore, are we.

Is He a Son? So are we.

Is He the Heir? So are we.

Is He the "Anointed"? "He that in Christ hath anointed us is God." His offices, His dignity, His character, His very life becomes ours, if we are His.

Stir yourself up and remind yourself you are a King and Queen and a priest through Jesus. If you accepted Jesus as your Lord in Saviour you know your name is written in the Book of Life.

Declaration: I'm a King-Priest by the blood of Jesus, so I pronounce good things over my life, family and ministry and it will come to pass! Amen

Romans 12:11 TPT Be enthusiastic to serve the Lord, keeping your passion toward him boiling hot! Radiate with the glow of the Holy Spirit and let him fill you with excitement as you serve him.

Ephesians 4:23 NLT Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.

Enthusiasm is being an "Energy-Giver" in every area of life.

Definition of enthusiasm

- : strong excitement or feeling of energy about things
- : something inspiring zeal or fervor
- : A belief in special revelations of the Holy Spirit

Enthusiasm is a characteristic or trait that makes us stand-out in an average world.

Every day is filled with opportunities for helping others and shining the light of Jesus, but to be able to do this continually takes enthusiasm.



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We demonstrate enthusiasm by:

✓ **EAGERNESS**

Luke 6:21 TPT “How filled you become when you are consumed with hunger and desire, for you will be completely satisfied. “How content you become when you weep with complete brokenness, for you will laugh with unrestrained joy.

✓ **KEENNESS**

Mark 12:33 AMPC And to love Him out of and with all the heart and with all the understanding [with the faculty of quick apprehension and intelligence and keenness of discernment] and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is much more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

✓ **PASSION**

1 Corinthians 2:4 TPT The message I preached and how I preached it was not an attempt to sway you with persuasive arguments but to prove to you the almighty power of God’s Holy Spirit.

Galatians 1:10 TPT I’m obviously not trying to flatter you or water down my message to be popular with men, but my supreme passion is to please God. For if all I attempt to do is please people, I would not be the true servant of the Messiah.

Is your Supreme passion to please God?

That is and should be our main objective every morning, situations and circumstances change daily. We will have trials and tribulations, but be of Good Cheer because He who is IN you is GREATER than he who is in this world.

✓ **ZEAL**

Colossians 4:12 TPT Epaphras, who is also from Colossae, sends his loving greetings. I can tell you that he is a true servant of Christ, who always labors and intercedes for you. His prayers are filled with requests to God that you would grow and mature, standing complete and perfect in the beauty of God’s plan for your lives. Epaphras has such great zeal and passion for you and for those who are from Laodicea and from Hierapolis.

✓ **DEDICATION**

Romans 12:1 AMPC I appeal to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship.

✓ **DEVOTION**

2 Peter 1:3 TPT Everything we could ever need for life and complete devotion to God has already been deposited in us by his divine power. For all this was lavished upon us through the rich experience of knowing him who has called us by name and invited us to come to him



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through a glorious manifestation of his goodness.

Enthusiasm is expressing the joy of serving the Lord.

The opposite of enthusiasm is:

i. apathy

Ephesians 4:19 AMPC In their spiritual apathy they have become callous and past feeling and reckless and have abandoned themselves [a prey] to unbridled sensuality, eager and greedy to indulge in every form of impurity [that their depraved desires may suggest and demand].

ii. indifference

iii. unconcern

Luke 10:30 AMPC Jesus, taking him up, replied, A certain man was going from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him of his clothes and belongings and beat him and went their way, [unconcernedly] leaving him half dead, as it happened.

iv. disregard or to ignore

2 Timothy 2:12 AMPC If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny and disown and reject Him, He will also deny and disown and reject us.

v. ignore

Mark 8:34 AMPC And Jesus called [to Him] the throng with His disciples and said to them, If anyone intends to come after Me, let him deny himself [forget, ignore, disown, and lose sight of himself and his own interests] and take up his cross, and [joining Me as a disciple and siding with My party] follow with Me [continually, cleaving steadfastly to Me].

Biblical Examples of Enthusiasm:

- The story of Nehemiah who enthusiastically rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem in just 52 days

Nehemiah 6:15-16 KJV So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days. [16] And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.

- The story of Caleb in Joshua 14, who at 85 years of age enthusiastically accepted the challenge to take on the giants and possess the mountain He was promised.

Joshua 14:5-14 AMPC As the Lord commanded Moses, so the Israelites did, and they divided the land. [6] Then the people of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal, and Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God concerning me and you in Kadesh-barnea. [7] Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-barnea to scout out the land. And I brought him a report as it was in my heart. [8] But my brethren who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt; yet I wholly followed



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the Lord my God. [9] And Moses swore on that day, Surely the land on which your feet have walked shall be an inheritance to you and your children always, because you have wholly followed the Lord my God. [10] And now, behold, the Lord has kept me alive, as He said, these forty-five years since the Lord spoke this word to Moses, while the Israelites wandered in the wilderness; and now, behold, I am this day eighty-five years old. [11] Yet I am as strong today as I was the day Moses sent me; as my strength was then, so is my strength now for war and to go out and to come in. [12] So now give me this hill country of which the Lord spoke that day. For you heard then how the [giantlike] Anakim were there and that the cities were great and fortified; if the Lord will be with me, I shall drive them out just as the Lord said. [13] Then Joshua blessed him and gave Hebron to Caleb son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. [14] So Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the Lord, the God of Israel.

- Zaccheus: Jesus was passing through Jericho and Zaccheus “ran” to see Jesus – Luke 19:4 Will you too run to the Lord?
- Paul: Following his baptism he preached the Christ in the synagogues

Acts 9:17-22 TPT Ananias left and found the house where Saul was staying. He went inside and laid hands on him, saying, “Saul, my brother, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me to pray for you so that you might see again and be filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit.” [18] All at once, the crusty substance that was over Saul’s eyes disappeared and he could see perfectly. Immediately, he got up and was baptized. [19] After eating a meal, his strength returned. [20] Within the hour he was in the synagogues, preaching about Jesus and proclaiming, “Jesus is the Son of God!” [21] Those who heard him were astonished, saying among themselves, “Isn’t this the Saul who furiously persecuted those in Jerusalem who called on the name of Jesus? Didn’t he come here with permission from the high priest to drag them off and take them as prisoners?” [22] Saul’s power increased greatly as he became more and more proficient in proving that Jesus was the anointed Messiah. Saul remained there for several days with the disciples, even though it agitated the Jews of Damascus.

Many folks delay serving the Lord showing their lack of enthusiasm. How about you? Show your enthusiasm for the Lord by immediately obeying Him!

- The Apostles:

Acts 5:41-42 KJV And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. [42] And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

Their continuation in preaching the Gospel despite persecution indicates their enthusiasm for the Lord. How many have let their enthusiasm die in midst of persecution?

Mordecai Ham: [1877- 1961] He was a Baptist evangelist. There were more than 33,000 conversions during the first year of his ministry. As a result of his ministry, more than 300,000 new



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converts joined Baptist churches in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, and the Carolinas in a space of 30 years. The author of the amendment for Prohibition stated that Billy Sunday and Mordecai Ham nearly put the saloons out of business. A close observer wrote concerning him, "He exalts Christ and fights sin with all his might. There is no middle ground in his campaigns. It is impossible to evaluate his ministry. Under his preaching I have seen murderers saved, drunkards converted, homes reunited, and men and women dedicate their lives for special service."

A 16 year old boy was saved under Mordecai Ham's preaching, in a revival in Charlotte, North Carolina, in November, 1934. This boy's name was Billy Graham. At MORDECHAI HAM's first revival, he established a pattern that was to follow him the rest of his days in ministry. He went after the biggest sinners in town and often saw them saved. He believed enough personal evangelism would produce mass results.

A typical story is that of Ham seeking out the most notorious sinner in a Southern town. Ham was directed to a certain cornfield. The atheist saw the feared preacher approaching and went into hiding. The evangelist began to hunt his prey and, hearing suspicious sounds under a cornshock, hauled him out. "What are you going to do with me?" the atheist quavered. Ham retorted, "I'm going to ask God to kill you! You don't believe God exists. If there is no God, then my prayers can't hurt you. But if there is a God, you deserve to die, because you are making atheists out of your children and grandchildren."

As the infidel begged him not to pray that way, Ham said, "Very well then, I shall ask God to save you." He was saved, and before the meeting was over, all of that infidel's family was baptized-- forty of them!

Speak about enthusiasm!!!!

Hebrews 6:9-12 TPT Having said that, beloved, we are fully convinced that there are more beautiful and excellent things, which flow from your salvation. [10] For God, the Faithful One, is not unfair. How can he forget the work you have done for him? He remembers the love you demonstrate as you continually serve his beloved ones for the glory of his name. [11] But we long to see you passionately advance until the end and you find your hope fulfilled. [12] So don't allow your hearts to grow dull or lose your enthusiasm, but follow the example of those who fully received what God has promised because of their strong faith and patient endurance.

Character Definitions of Enthusiasm:

- Learning what actions and attitudes please God and becoming excited about doing them.
- Learning how to motivate others by a spirit of praise and joy.
- Seeing value in situations that would normally discourage others.
- Learning the difference between emotional excitement and a spirit of enthusiasm.
- Expressing joy in each task as I give it my best effort.



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The "I Wills" of Enthusiasm:

- #1 I will be an energy-giver
- #2 I will smile
- #3 I will treat every job as important
- #4 I will put my whole heart into what I do
- #5 I will not be discouraged by failure

There are three types of people in the world:

- Energy-givers, energy-wasters, and energy-takers.

Energy-givers: Helps others, says kind words, smiles, shares with others, stands for what is right, tells the truth, even when difficult

Energy-wasters: Helps if convenient, says nothing, does not smile, keeps things for self, stands for nothing, tells the truth most of the time

Energy-takers: Helps self, says unkind words, frowns, takes from others, stands for wrong, lies when it is convenient

How to Demonstrate Enthusiasm:

- Showing excitement about lessons learned through life struggles.
- Completing chores in good time with a positive attitude motivated by a love.
- Tackling work with a vision of how it will benefit others.
- Showing genuine interest in others.
- showing excitement about doing things together as a family.
- Greet others with a cheerful smile.
- Get involved in the ministry of your local church.
- Purpose not to complain or talk critically of others.

2 Timothy 2:15 NASB95 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

Galatians 4:18 NASB95 But it is good always to be eagerly sought in a commendable manner, and not only when I am present with you.

Romans 12:1 NASB95 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

1 Corinthians 9:24 KJV Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

Colossians 3:23 KJV And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;



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