

# **All Fired Up**

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Smith Wigglesworth said, “God is looking for hearts that are ablaze with fire from Heaven.” Paul told Timothy in 2 Tim. 1:6, Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God.” Clarence Jordan, in his Biblical translation, phrased that verse this way. “I’m reminding you to shake the ashes off the God-given fire that’s in you.” God wants us to live our life with passion, zeal, enthusiasm, fervency, and fire. John Wesley said, “Every morning, I set myself alight and people come for miles to watch me burn.”

Have you ever worked with someone whose heart was not in what they were doing? They were not passionate, fervent, or enthusiastic. It is important for us, however, that we continually stoke the flames of our spiritual life, and keep them burning. Pastor Kenneth W. Hagin said, “It is so easy to let those flames that have burned so brightly in us in the past become just a few glowing embers. Satan knows that if he can keep us from stirring ourselves up, he can keep us from receiving from God.” God wants our fire to burn brightly. Kenneth E. Hagin, when addressing the Body of Christ, gave this prophesy. “Purpose in your heart that you will not be lazy, that you will not draw back, hold back, or sit down. But purpose in your heart that you will rise up and march forward and become on fire.”

Over a period of time, Christians can lose their enthusiasm for the Word of God. We can let ourselves get lukewarm and, as a result, we just go through the motions in our daily walk with God. But this is not where we should be spiritually. God is interested in the affections of our heart – every part of it. The reality is that as we draw close to God, He will draw close to us (Isaiah 4:8). So how do we get fired up and stay that way?

- 1) Take the Word and stir yourself up! The Wand Bible Translation says “Let the Word of Christ have a treasured place in your hearts” (Col. 3:16 ). It’s the Word that lets you know about your rights, privileges, and inheritance in Christ, and unveils your relationship to the Father God. It’s the Word that builds you up.
- 2) Put the Word of God on your lips and stir yourself up! “Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the son of God, let us hold fast our profession” (Heb. 4:14). Profession means “to say the same thing.” We are to say what Jesus says. We should never underestimate the confession of our faith. Christianity is called “the great confession.” As we speak the Word, we stir ourselves up.
- 3) Pray in the Holy Ghost and stir yourself up! The Message Bible says, “Drink the Spirit of God – huge draughts of him.” Praying in the Holy Spirit will edify, charge, and empower you just like a battery being charged up. As we pray in the Holy Spirit, we pray beyond our own understanding. Our prayer will be according to the will of God, and we will receive revelation knowledge that will build us up, strengthen us, and encourage our lives. Praying in the Holy Spirit will stir you up.

Getting fired up will bring forth wonderful results, no matter how hopeless a situation may appear, because nothing is too hard for God. He can do for us what no one else can. So get fired up and live that way every day.