

How does God want us to live passionately and to live the life He has planned for us?

Passion is a powerful motivator. When we are passionate about something we have a drive to achieve or obtain it. The thing we are passionate about becomes consuming. It is beautiful to watch the men and women at Teen Challenge become passionate about their relationship with Jesus Christ. Matthew tells us in 6:21 (NLT), **“Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.”**

An athlete is passionate about their sport, an artist about their art, a missionary about the native people where they minister, and Teen Challenge students are passionate about their love for Jesus and living for Him.

I can not think of a better word for Paul the Apostle than passionate. He was deeply passionate to live for Jesus. His passion is shown in how he left behind his past and how he pressed on in his relationship with Jesus. In Philippians 3:12-14(HCSB), **“Not that I have already reached the goal or am already fully mature, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus. Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God’s heavenly call in Christ Jesus.”**

If you are not passionately living for Jesus, I encourage you to draw closer to him and rekindle that flame of passion within your heart.



GRADUATE TESTIMONY

Terry Simpson

I have been around drugs my whole life. Things started to spiral out of control after my mom passed away. It led me to places I didn’t want to go. I tried Teen Challenge once but I wasn’t ready to surrender my life to Jesus then. But God had different plans for me. God kept calling me in the 8 months after I left Teen Challenge. Since I have been back here God has saved my life. I thought I would never be able to remember any verses, but All Glory to God, now I know many. It is hard to give glory to anything but God. I thank God for Teen Challenge. I can look back now and see that God has always been there saving my life countless times. I love God so much now and what He is doing for me. I gave the evil one 49 years. Now the rest of my life will be God’s will for me. 1 John 4:7-8 (KJV) says, **“let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.”** I am blessed to be graduating and remaining at Teen Challenge as an intern. I am blessed to see what the Lord has planned!

Right now, here at Teen Challenge, there seems to be a real spirit of love, unity, prayer and revival. God is doing a special work among us! Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to reach out to the lost, hurting and desperate. Do join us in prayer for a continued overflow of Christ’s love, not only here at Teen Challenge, but in your life as well. May we work together for the kingdom of God ‘till Jesus comes. Thank you also, for your kind and generous gift to Teen Challenge this month. We love you and thank God for you. Blessings be yours!

In Christ’s service,
Phil and Michelle McClain
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