

BEING PASSIONATE FOR THE RIGHT THINGS

Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:13-3:13 Nov 16, 2014

INTRODUCTION

A) We must apply our passions in the right places.

B) The most profitable place to focus our passion is in

Christ's ministry.

C) Two passions result from Christ's ministry.

I. Believers Gain A Passion For Gospel Ministry.

A) Passion in the ministry of the Gospel. (vs. 2:12-14)

1) The Gospel is from God. (vs. 2:13)

**2) The Gospel works in believers by enabling them to
persevere in faith. (vs. 2:13-14)**

B) Passion in the ministry of people. (vs. 2:17-20)

1) We must love people. (vs. 2:17-3:12)

2) We must desire their Sanctification. (vs. 2:19-20)

3) We must desire their perseverance (3:3, 3:8)

II. Others Will Passionately Oppose the Gospel.

A) Opposition is inevitable. (vs. 3:3-4, 2:15-16)

B) Opposition is fertile ground for temptation. (vs. 3:5)

C) Their outcome is already established. (vs. 2:16)

CONCLUSION

**A) So they will be passionate about the ministry of the
Gospel and people. (vs. 3:12)**

**B) So He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness
before your God. (vs. 3:13)**

C) So they may be our joy and our crown. (vs. 2:19-20)