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## Your Passion Is Your Power

*(How to be the most energetic, enthusiastic person you know)*  
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"The most important one,' answered Jesus, 'is this: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. **LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD** with all your **heart** and with all your **soul** and with all your **mind** and with all your **strength**." The second is this: "**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF**." There is no commandment **greater** than these.'" (Mark 12:29-31 NIV)

### How Does God Define Greatness?

#### The genesis of greatness is **honesty**.

". . . the proud shall be humbled, but the humble shall be honored." (Luke 18:14 TLB)

"The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God is near. REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS!'" (Mark 1:15 NIV)

#### The growth of greatness is **humility**.

". . . he **humbled** himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name," (Phil 2:8-9 NIV)

#### The guts of greatness is **hope**.

". . . **FAITH AND LOVE THAT SPRING FROM THE HOPE** that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel" (Col 1:5 NIV)

"May the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Rom 15:13 NIV)

#### The glory of greatness is **high aim**.

"I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. **HE WILL DO EVEN GREATER THINGS THAN THESE**, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." (John 14:12-14 NIV)

### Your Passion is Power Because . . .

#### Only passion **frees the heart**.

"I will give you a **new heart** and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws." (Ezek 36:26-27 NIV)

#### Only passion **fuels the mind**.

"Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!, . . . For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen." (Rom 11:33-36 NIV)

#### Only passion **fires the soul**.

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The **harvest** is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the **harvest**, therefore, to send out workers into his **harvest** field.'" (Mat 9:36-38 NIV)

#### Only passion **pays the price**.

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who **for the joy** set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you **WILL NOT GROW WEARY AND LOSE HEART**." (Heb 12:2-3 NIV)