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How Will YOU Be Remembered? Part 2

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Last week I ended with this statement: So, do you live with passion? Because I have found that most people DO NOT live their life with passion.

Instead, most people seem to merely exist – marking time – not passionate about anything or anyone, but rather, simply doing what they HAVE TO, to pay the bills and make it through another day – another month – another year.

When you think about it, passion is about someone or something which affects you emotionally. In fact, true passion is the result of wanting someone or something so desperately that you pursue them with an intensity which comes from deep within your heart. Because it's not just about marking time, but instead, it's about a feeling that burns deep within your heart – a true passion which stirs you, and inspires you to battle your way through any and all obstacles, because the passion will not subside until you achieve whatever necessary to fulfill that longing within your heart.

Now, do you have passion? Are you that emotionally motivated?

Most people ARE NOT.

I have found that most people are NOT pursuing anything. Instead, they are merely trying to avoid something.

Most people aren't passionately pursuing excellence or success. They're just trying to avoid failure – to keep from getting fired.

Ask yourself this:

Are you passionately pursuing heaven, or just trying to avoid hell?

Are you enthusiastically seeking a great marriage, or just trying to avoid divorce?

Are you aggressively endeavoring to create wealth, or simply trying to avoid bankruptcy?

Because you will never be a winner by trying to avoid losing.

You'll never become Godly by trying to avoid evil.

And you'll never become a success by trying to avoid failure.

You see, passion is fueled by desire. And if you don't truly desire something that is beyond who you are and what you have right now, then it is impossible for you to have passion.

I know, you may say, "But Mark, I'm not that kind of an emotional person, who gets passionate about things like others."

But trust me, if you really want someone or something badly enough, you will develop a passion.

Remember, passion is fueled by desire.

And each of us needs to have dreams, goals, vision of something greater than we have today. After all, that's why God created Heaven – to give us something better to reach for.

God created you and me to be goal-oriented. He "programmed" our "computers" – our minds, so that we are naturally motivated by desire – by a dream of what could be – what can be – if we will simply make a commitment to put forth the extra effort to become the person who can get the job done.

You see, God's primary purpose in giving us a dream, is to motivate us to change. Because none of us enjoy change. In fact, we actually have a natural instinct which causes us to avoid change.

And NONE of us were born with all the character, all the discipline, all the qualities we need, to be great.

You see, we want the results, but we don't want to have to do what it takes to get those results.

We want to be great, but we don't embrace the path which will take us through the changes that will result in greatness. Because that path is NOT easy. It's a very difficult road to walk. And because of that, most people never do.

Only those who purpose in their heart to see beyond the pain, the discomfort, the change – to envision what we can achieve, if we are willing to pay the price for success – only

those few will ever truly enjoy the rewards of success.

And in this world where so many people have an attitude of entitlement, which is encouraged by socialism and communism – those ideologies which espouse the belief that everyone should have the same rewards, regardless of their contribution to the cause – regardless of their work and effort – in that environment which encourages entitlement, and discourages diligence, it is so easy for people to become lazy and lethargic, blaming society for their own failures.

But when all is said and done, our obituary will reflect, not what society did or didn't do. It will sum up what we have done with what God gave us. Did we live our life with passion? Did we rise above the crowd? Did we succeed, or did we simply place the blame on society – the blame for our own failure?

Think long and hard about how you will be remembered. Because it is up to you, and no one else.

Choose now, how you will be remembered, and then live your life with passion as you do whatever it takes to make it happen!

God bless each of you is my prayer.

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