

# ZEAL OF IGNORANCE

Romans 10:2 Amplified Bible (AMP) “I bear them witness that they have a [certain] zeal and enthusiasm for God, but it is not enlightened and according to [correct and vital] knowledge.”

Zeal— a strong feeling of interest and enthusiasm that makes someone very eager or determined to do something

It’s okay to be zealous if it is out of the knowledge and understanding of God’s Word. Most of the time zeal originates out of our emotion and not knowledge. We cannot understand or obey God apart from His word.

The word of God is the thought and intents of His heart. This is why Paul’s instructions to Timothy were, “Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.” II Timothy 2:15 (Amp)

Just because you are not a preacher, Evangelist, Minister, and etc... does not mean you do not have to study. That instruction was not just for Timothy. Jesus gave us this instruction “Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls.” Matthew 11:29 (AMP)

This is not a “fake it till you make it” kind of thing. Practicing and praising God out of emotionalism will not fulfill you or anyone else. It’s knowing God, and the only way you can know God is through the study of His Word. Just attending church services and

listening to preachers will only take you so far. The rest of the way is up to you. This is why we are told to take the yoke of God and study for ourselves. While preaching is good, study is better because it develops the true character of Christ in us.

We will not have to hide behind masks and/or pretend to be something we are not. We will be who we were created to be in Christ. The light of the world and the salt of the earth, lifting up the name of Jesus and displaying His character in the earth. Knowledge will empower you to love God, keep His commandments, be loved of the Father and receive the revelation of Jesus Christ Himself. “The person who has My commands and keeps them is the one who [really] loves Me; and whoever [really] loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I [too] will love him and will show (reveal, manifest) Myself to him. [I will let Myself be clearly seen by him and make Myself real to him.]” John 14:21 Amplified Bible (AMP)

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