

Lesson 10 - Maintaining Your Home



Now that the renovation is finished, the home won't stay beautiful without maintenance.

HOME MAINTANENCE CHECKLIST



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2nd Edition

Home Maintenance FOR DUMMIES

Learn to:

- Inspect and make repairs to every part of a house
- Tackle everything from burst pipes to leaky toilets to minor roof damage
- Create a yearly home maintenance calendar
- Save money by preventing the need for large repairs

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Never put off until tomorrow what
you can do the day after tomorrow.
~Mark Twain









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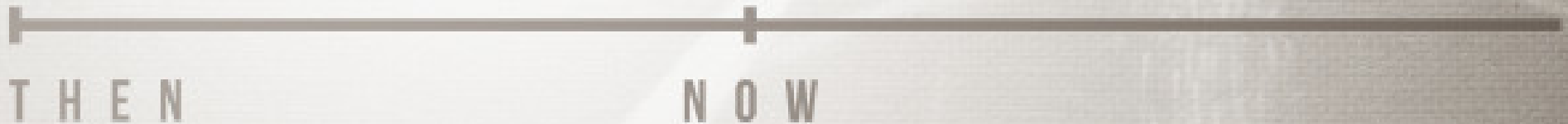
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**JUST AS OUR HOMES NEED
MAINTENANCE, OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES
ALSO NEED TO BE MAINTAINED**



**MAINTAINING
OUR ZEAL
FOR THE LORD**

Zeal is dedication or enthusiasm for something.

If you have zeal, you're willing, energized, and motivated.

Zeal is often used in a religious sense, meaning devotion to God or another religious cause, like being a missionary.

Zeal doesn't have to be religious, though: a feeling of gusto and enthusiasm for anything can be called zeal.

People have **zeal** for sports teams, bands, causes, and (often, but not always) their jobs.

If you have passion for something, you have **zeal**, which is kind of a mix of eagerness and energy and devotion.



Has Your

Passion
Faded?

Do these words describe your spiritual life?

- WILLING?
- ENERGIZED?
- MOTIVATED?
- ENTHUSIASTIC?
- EAGER?
- ENERGETIC?
- DEVOTED?

Do you feel that some of those characteristics are not as strong as they once were?

Let's see what the Bible says on the subject.

For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and your **enthusiasm** has stirred most of them to action.
(2 Cor. 9:2)

Nothing great
was ever achieved without

enthusiasm.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Your message burns in
my heart and bones, and
I cannot keep silent.

Jeremiah 20:9

Never be lacking in zeal,
but keep your spiritual fervor,
serving the Lord.

Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:11-12

Read Romans 12: 9-21

Colossians 3:23

Work
willingly
at whatever you do,
as though you were

A close-up photograph of a person's open palm holding a small, light-colored, heart-shaped stone. The stone has the words "working for the LORD" inscribed on it in a dark, serif font. The background is dark and out of focus.

working
for the
LORD

rather than for people

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ

Colossians 3:23-24

6 Ways To Lose Your Zeal

7 Ways To Lose Your Zeal

1. Loving The World

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2. Reading The Bible (piecemeal)

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3. Lack of Conviction in God's Word

7 Ways To Lose Your Zeal

4. Comparing Ourselves To Others

7 Ways To Lose Your Zeal

5. Forgetting Our “Before” Picture

7 Ways To Lose Your Zeal

**6. Relying On Our Emotions
Rather Than On The Holy Spirit**

7 Ways To Lose Your Zeal

**7. Playing It Safe – Refusing to
Take Risks For Your Faith**

Sometimes fear does not
subside and one must
choose to do it afraid.

-- Elisabeth Elliot

Beware of Misplaced Zeal

Galatians 4:17-18 (NIV2011) Those people are zealous to win you over, but for no good. What they want is to alienate you from us, so that you may have zeal for them. ¹⁸ It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good, and to be so always, not just when I am with you.

Romans 10:2-3

For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.

“Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the souls you can, in every place you can, at all the times you can, with all the **zeal** you can, as long as ever you can.” John Wesley

“While we are **zealous** for good works, let us be careful not to put them in the place of Christ's righteousness, and not to advance anything which may betray others into so dreadful a delusion.”

Matthew Henry

