

The Righteousness of God

Avoiding Burnout

Romans 12:11-12 (ESV)

¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

A few **assumptions** ...

I should be _____ specifically because I am a Christian.
(“_____” is normal Christianity.)

My service to God* should be _____.

* Remember the context of this passage is _____.
(However, when I serve _____, my real service is _____.)

Serving/minister to people can be _____.

Some enemies of 'zeal':

How to keep my **enthusiasm** for God's service:

Take a _____.

Galatians 6:9-10 (ESV)

⁹ ... let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Serve for _____ and not for _____.

See **Romans 12:11** ... “serve the Lord”

Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV)

²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

3 **commands** (vs. 12):

Rejoice in the _____ as not to be discouraged by the _____ . (Where is my ultimate hope?)

Expect _____; and when they do come, don't quit.
For a Christian, there is no such thing as _____.

Romans 5:2-5 (ESV)

² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Pray - even when (especially when) you don't feel like praying!

Prayer is the constant and reliable fuel of the Christian life.

Pray for ...

Ephesians 6:18 (ESV)

¹⁸ ...praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints ...

My **response** today ...