

Bible Study on Character – Passion

The 1995 Academy Award for Best Picture went to *Braveheart*, a very bloody movie. In it, the Scots fought for freedom against the encroaching power of the English Crown. The lead warrior was gripped by a *passion* to set his countrymen free. How is this kind of passion born in a person?

Do you know someone who is a person of passion? Describe the person.

In the midst of a tough battle in World War II, General George Patton, one of the greatest military leaders of all time, said about battle, "God, I love it!" King David, also a warrior, said, "God, I love you!" Whose army would you like to be in? Why?

King David was a passionate warrior. (2 Samuel 5:18-25, 21:15 - 22:4, 22:29-32, Psalm 18:2-3, 18:30-40, 60:10) How did David express his passion for God?

What did David's passion do for him?

Today, most of us are not in the military but have 9 to 5 jobs. What kind of passion do you find on the job? Why do you think that a passion for God appears so infrequently in the workplace?

David's world of work and his passion for God were integrated. He said, "God is my rock...my stronghold, my refuge, and my savior" (2 Samuel 22:3). If your world of work (or school or everyday living) and your passion for God were integrated, choose the words you might use to complete this sentence: "God is my ..."

If your passion for God were to be revealed in your sphere of work or study, what would you like people to see?

To do:

1. Give God the first 15 minutes of every workday for the next week to rekindle your passion.
2. Be alert to how your rekindled passion might be expressed at work.