



PRAY! Passionately Praying for the Perishing • Part 2 Lesson 19 • Romans 10:1

When It Comes to Passionately Praying for the Perishing, Is My Problem PRAYING or PASSION or Both?

Problems with Praying for the Perishing

- 1) Struggling with **NOT PRAYING** at all or hit-and-miss. *James 4:2*
- 2) Struggling with just praying for **THEIR OWN INTERESTS** more than the lost. *James 4:3*
- 3) Struggling with not praying for the lost because of an over-emphasis on **GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY**.
- 4) Struggling with not praying for the lost because of an over-emphasis on **HUMAN RESPONSIBILITY**.

Problems with Passionately Praying for the Perishing

- 1) A lack of praying for the lost is a lack of heart **PASSION**—we naturally pray about that which we are passionate about. *Romans 10:1*
- 2) A lack of praying for the lost is a lack of heart **PAIN**—we naturally pray about that which is hurting our heart. *Romans 9:1-3*

Four Practical Steps for a Passion Like Paul's RENEW ► REQUEST ► RESPOND ► REJOICE

1. RENEW: Meditate on These Truths in Your Prayer Time!

❶ The REALITY of Eternal Wrath

John 3:36; Romans 1:18; 9:1; 2Thessalonians 1:6-10; Acts 17:29-31; Hebrews 9:27-28; Revelation 20:11-15

Suggested Reading: *"Heaven and Hell"* by Edward A. Donnelly; *"Sense and Nonsense about Heaven and Hell"* by Ken Boa and Robert Bowman, Jr.; *"Christ Alone: An Evangelical Response to Rob Bell's 'Love Wins'"* by Michael Wittmer

Suggested Listening (New Life Series): *"One Minute after You Die"* and *"Is Jesus the Only Way?"* at glenwoodconnection.org under **Resources/Sermons**

❷ The SUFFICIENCY of Christ's Cross

1John 2:1-2; 1 Timothy 2:3-6; 4:10; 1:15-16,

"Glory in the work of the cross for yourself, and you will begin to glory in it for others." ~John Piper

❸ The EXPECTANCY of Saving Power – God's Word and Spirit

Romans 1:16-17; 10:14-17; 1Thessalonians 1:4-5; 2:13; Jeremiah 24:7; Ezekiel 11:19; 36:26

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." Romans 1:16-17

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. Romans 10:17

And when [the Holy Spirit] comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment John 16:8

④ **The OPPORTUNITY of Joyful Celebration**

Matthew 18:12-14; Luke 15:29-32; 1 Thessalonians 2:19

Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance... Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Luke 15:7, 10

⑤ **The GENEROSITY of God's Grace**

Luke 7:47; Matthew 10:8

⑥ **The SOVEREIGNTY of God's Salvation**

Acts 13:48; John 10:16; 27-29; Matthew 10:8

⑦ **The CERTAINTY of God's Love**

John 3:16; Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:10; 1 Thessalonians 1:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; Luke 7:47

2. REQUEST: Plead with the Lord for a Heart Like His!

“Lord, change my heart and increase my love for the lost! Amen!”

And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, just as our love for you overflows. 1Thessalonians 3:12 NLT

And may the Master pour on the love so it fills your lives and splashes over on everyone around you, just as it does from us to you.

3. RESPOND: Get Involved in Loving the Lost and Sharing the Gospel!

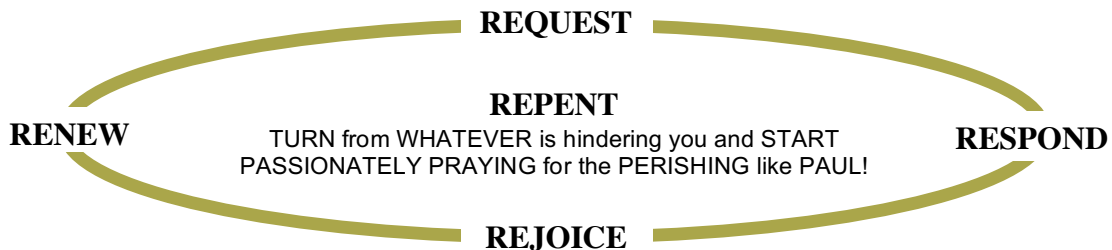
① **SPEND TIME Being with Lost People and Seeing Their Needs** Matthew 9:36; 14:14; Mark 6:34; Luke 7:13; 10:33

② **ACT ON Your Increasing Passion**

Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth, and reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us. 1 John 3:18-19

4. REJOICE: As Your Passion Grows, Your Prayers Are Answered, and People Are Saved!

We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found! Luke 15:32 NLT



I repent of what is hindering me from passionately praying and pursuing the perishing: _____

I am responding to God's grace in my life by doing the following: _____