

“NEW YEAR, NEW ME: NEW ZEAL”
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WHAT ROBBS US OF OUR ZEAL?

1. **COMPARISON**

Let not your heart envy sinners, (Proverbs 23:17a)

2. **RESISTANCE**

3. **UNBELIEF**

“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot!” (Revelations 3:15)

JESUS DEMONSTRATES HIS ZEAL FOR GOD

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” (John 2:13-16)

1. **GOD IS A JEALOUS GOD ...**

A. FOR THE BELIEVER AND THE NONBELIEVER.

“You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,” (Exodus 20:5)

B. OF HIS MERCY.

Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. (John 2:19 - 21)

C. OF HIS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

“God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” (John 4:24)

HOW DO WE HAVE NEW ZEAL?

1. **REMEMBER HIS WORD.**

MEMORY VERSE

His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”
(John 2:17)

A. GOD’S WORD IS AUTHORITATIVE.

So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” (John 2:18)

2. **BELIEVE HIS WORD.**

When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. (John 2:22)

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. (Psalm 51:17)

3. **LIVE HIS WORD.**

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. (Acts 2:42)

GOING DEEPER AT HOME

1. What or who robs you of your zeal for the Lord?
2. How does my zeal for the Lord affect others?
3. How can I devote myself to God's Word more in 2020? Devotions, Life Group, Podcast.