



- We only restore the things we **care about**.
- We'll never restore something that holds no **value**.

res-to-ra-tion: the action of returning something to a former condition. Original condition.

- Restoration is an **ongoing** process in our lives.

So no wonder we don't give up. For even though our outer person gradually wears out, our inner being is renewed every single day. 2 Corinthians 4:16 (TPT)

- Passion is the difference between the **devotion** of my life and going through the **motions** in life.

Signs you need God to restore your life:

- There's little to no desire for a **restored** life.

O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you are the potter. We all are formed by your hand. Isaiah 64:8 (NLT)

- Your **delight** for God has turned into a **duty** for God.

The fire that use to burn within us has become a **smoke screen** for us.

These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules. Matthew 15:8-9 (NIV)

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Romans 12:11 (NIV)

Self-evaluation questions:

- Has my love for Jesus **decreased**?

Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold. Matthew 24:12 (NLT)
Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold... Matthew 24:12 (NIV)

Jesus said, 'Love the Lord God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy. Mark 12:30 (MSG)
Whatever you do, do it with all of your heart as unto the Lord and not unto men. Colossians 3:23 (MSG)

- Is **purity** in my life a priority for my life?

Scriptures about purity:

1 Timothy 4:12; **Matthew 5:8; Hebrews 13:4; Ephesians 5:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5, 7; Proverbs 5:8**
1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Two things to understand about holiness:

Jesus makes you **holy**.

I am writing to God's church in Corinth, to you who have been called by God to be his own holy people. He made you holy by means of Christ Jesus, just as he did for all people everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. 1 Corinthians 1:2 (NLT)

We are called to live holy **lifestyles**.

God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives. 1 Thessalonians 4:7 (NLT)

...let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God. 2 Corinthians 7:1

How to keep purity in our lives:

- Make a commitment to God's **standards**.

How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. (Psalm 139:9)

- Manage my **mind**.

I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully on a girl. (Psalm 101:3)

I will set before my eyes no vile thing. (Job 31:1)

- Magnify the **consequences**.

Galatians 5:16-17, 19-21 (NCV)

- Make myself **accountable**

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)

"We live in a day when we are more afraid of **holiness**

than we are of sinfulness." ~ Leonard Ravenhill

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You have patiently suffered for me without quitting. "Yet there is one thing wrong; you don't love me as at first! Think about those times of your first love (how different now!) and turn back to me again and work as you did before... Revelation 2:3-5 (TLB)



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- Do you need a restored passion for God in your life? In your own words what would that look like?
- Have you ever gone through a time where you didn't want a restored life? Explain
- Have you ever gone through a season where your delight for God has turned into a duty for God?
- How is your passion for God today? Why are we afraid of being "Jesus Freaks"? (Or "religious fanatics")
- How can we maintain a delight for God in our life?
- What are some things that cause our love for Jesus to decrease?
- Is purity a priority in your life? Why is this important for having a passion for God?
- Talk through the points under the heading: "How to keep purity in our lives:?" Which of these is most difficult for you to apply to your life?
- Do you agree with Leonard Ravenhill's quote? Explain. Why should we be afraid of sinfulness in our lives? Why should we be concerned about the lack of holiness in our lives?
- What are some ways we look for "loopholes" with God? (Loopholes = looking for ways to get away with things in our life)
- How will you seek to increase your passion for God?

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