

STAY POSITIVE—5 GET YOUR PASSION BACK

Two Types of People

1. Those who let circumstances influence their enthusiasm.
2. Those who use their enthusiasm to influence their circumstances.

en theos—In God, filled with God.

But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless. 1 Corinthians 15:57-58 NLT

- It's not WHAT you do that makes it meaningful, it's WHO you do it for.

David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel." 1 Samuel 17:45-46 NIV

Where Did David's Enthusiasm Come From?

- He trusted God daily.
- He walked with God daily.
- He worshiped God daily.

- With enthusiasm, David ran into the battle to serve his God.
- With apathy, David walked on the roof to serve his comfort.

*Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
... ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit,
to sustain me. Psalm 51:10,12 NIV*

*“Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.
⁵ Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at
first. ...” Revelation 2:4-5 NIV*