

Embracing Who I Am

3. Enthusiasm

Enthusiasm is not a product of our environment. It is the condition of our heart.

Enthusiasm – En Theos – In/Filled with God

Isaiah 6: 1-8 (NLT) It was in the year King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple.² Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.³ They were calling out to each other, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Heaven's Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!"⁴ Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke.⁵ Then I said, "It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the LORD of Heaven's Armies."⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.⁷ He touched my lips with it and said, "See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven."⁸ Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me."

Four Parts to Enthusiasm

1. Commissioning (vs. 1-8)

Ephesians 6: 7 (NLT) Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

Romans 15: 17 (NLT) So I have reason to be enthusiastic about all Christ Jesus has done through me in my service to God.

I Corinthians 15: 58 (NLT) 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.

Romans 12: 11 (NLT) Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.

2. Confession (vs. 5)

Romans 10: 2 (NLT) I know what enthusiasm they have for God, but it is misdirected zeal.

Proverbs 19:2 (NLT) Enthusiasm without knowledge is no good; haste makes mistakes.

3. Commitment (vs. 8)

Haggai 1: 14 (NLT) So the LORD sparked the enthusiasm of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the enthusiasm of Jeshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the enthusiasm of the whole remnant of God's people. They began to work on the house of their God, the LORD of Heaven's Armies

Nehemiah 4: 6 (NLT) At last the wall was completed to half its height around the entire city, for the people had worked with enthusiasm.

4. Community/Camaraderie

II Corinthians 8: 16 (NLT) But thank God! He has given Titus the same enthusiasm for you that I have.

II Corinthians 9: 2 (NLT) For I know how eager you are to help, and I have been boasting to the churches in Macedonia that you in Greece were ready to send an offering a year ago. In fact, it was your enthusiasm that stirred up many of the Macedonian believers to begin giving.

*How Can Your Enthusiasm Change
the
World Around You?*

