

The Importance of Passion

Nehemiah 8:1-6

INTRODUCTION:

1. When the Law was read, the people reacted with passion.
2. We are missing the passion the Israelites displayed.
3. When passion is lost, other important things are lost as well.

DISCUSSION: Passion gives you...

I. Endurance.

- A. Ezra read from the Law from early morning until midday (v. 3).
- B. Why do we become impatient when a worship privilege last more than one hour?

II. Enthusiasm.

- A. Not only were the Israelites able to endure a lengthy Bible reading, they were enthusiastic about it.
- B. They said, "Amen. Amen" (v. 6).

III. Esteem.

- A. They were comfortable with their worship and service (i.e. they were not ashamed).
- B. They "bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground" (v. 6), and they didn't care who saw them.

CONCLUSION: