

I pray that this letter finds you blessed and prospering in the anointing of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I want to talk to you today about something that I believe is affecting the body of Christ in a big way complacency. Do you remember when you first made Jesus the Lord of your life? Can you remember the zeal, excitement, and expectation you had every time you came to church? Did you have a hunger for more understanding of the Word? I remember years ago when the old saints used to sing a song about how the zeal of God consumed them and burned in their souls. Recently, however, I've noticed a lack of zeal, interest, passion, and concern for God, His Word, and His direction in the lives of Christians. It is this "lukewarm" spirit that is keeping good Christian people from being zealous about the things of God.

To be zealous is to be passionate and eager in all of your pursuits for God. Enthusiasm, earnestness, and fervency describe what it is like to have zeal for God, His Word, and His agenda for your life. However, to not have zeal means that you are lukewarm, or indifferent to the things of God. In other words, you are neutral, or not inclined to one side, party, or thing more than another. It means that you are unconcerned, uninterested, impartial, careless, and unbiased. I see this all the time. There are many believers who are content to just be church members and nothing more. They have no desire to serve in their church or advance the kingdom of God. When Christians cease to be zealous about the things of God, the results will be spiritual deafness, dullness, and prayerlessness. If you're like me, you can't afford to allow any of these things in your life.

How is it that a man can be healed, delivered, prosperous, and blessed,

and then become indifferent once things begin to go well for him? That's just not right. God has been too good to us. He has saved, delivered, and blessed us time and time again, even when we didn't deserve it. Because He has done so much for us, we should maintain a zeal for Him with such passion and concern for the kingdom of God that our excitement becomes contagious to all those with whom we come in contact!

I encourage you to re-examine your passion and zeal as it relates to your partnership with Creflo Dollar Ministries. Second Peter 1:12, 13 says, "Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance..." Do you remember the excitement you experienced when you became a 2020 Vision Partner, and how you were so eager to help spread the gospel all over the world?

Stir yourself up by remembering the zeal that came with being a partner with this ministry. I declare right now, in the name of Jesus, that you are a zealous, passionate, eager, and committed partner with God and this ministry. With the fire of God burning in your life and heart like never before, overflow is a sure to come your way. We want to strengthen our connection with you by encouraging you to join us each week for Bible study at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and for morning

worship each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. EST, live on the Internet. Simply log on to creflodollarministries.org and click on the Join Us Live icon. Taffi and I love and pray for you always. Remember, Jesus is Lord and "...in all your getting, get understanding."

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**ROMANS 12:11, ESV** 



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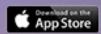


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