



# **A CALL TO ZEAL:**

## **“How to Live a Zealous Christian Life”**

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Text: **Romans 12:11-12**

<sup>11</sup> *Do not be lazy but work hard, serving the Lord with all your heart.*

<sup>12</sup> *Be joyful because you have hope. Be patient when trouble comes, and pray at all times.*  
(New Century Version)

Introduction: If there is one thing we need more in the church today, it is zeal! We have so much to learn from the example of Paul (**I Corinthians 11:1**). Paul was a zealous minister and was effective in his ministry because he had a burning passion and zeal for the work of the Lord and the message of the cross (**II Corinthians 5:14**). In the context of today's lesson he tells us how to have this zealous Christian life. He is calling us to have his zeal for the work of the Lord. Let's study together . . . .

Discussion:

**I. A Call to Zeal Means Working Hard (v.11)**

**II Timothy 2:16, Colossians 4:13, Acts 20:35, Matthew 25:14-30,  
Ephesians 4:11-16**

**II. A Call to Zeal Means Serving The Lord (v.11)**

**Philippians 3:12-14, Hebrews 12:1, John 13:1-20, Mark 10:45,  
Acts 20:19**

**III. A Call to Zeal Means Rejoicing in Hope (v.12)**

**Philippians 4:4, I Thessalonians 2:19-20, I Thessalonians 5:16,  
I Peter 4:13, James 1:2, John 15:11, John 16:24, John 17:13**

**IV. A Call to Zeal Means Having Patience (v.12)**

**Ephesians 4:2-3, I Thessalonians 5:14, II Timothy 2:24,  
James 5:7-8, Romans 8:28-39**

**V. A Call to Zeal Means Praying Always (v.12)**

**Philippians 1:4, Colossians 1:3, II Thessalonians 1:11, Ephesians 6:18,  
I Thessalonians 5:17**

Conclusion: Are you ready to live a zealous Christian life? Remember what Paul said, “*Do not be lazy but work hard, serving the Lord with all your heart. Be joyful because you have hope. Be patient when trouble comes, and pray at all times.*” (**Romans 12:11-12 - NCV**) We have been called to have zeal! Will we answer that call?