



How God  
**TRANSFORMED**  
the Zealot



# Introduction:

He started as Saul and  
ended as Paul.

He started zealous...  
and ended zealous!

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**Text:** Romans 12:11

**Never be lacking in zeal, but keep  
your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.**

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**Text:** Galatians 4:17-18

**Those people are zealous to win you over, but for no good. What they want is to alienate you from us, so that you may have zeal for them.**

**It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good, and to be so always, not just when I am with you.**

**Text:** Romans 10:2

**For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge.—**

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Zeal is a very **POWERFUL**

thing!

It draws **PASSION** and

**COMMITMENT** to itself.

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Zeal can have a **DARK** side,  
because it can flow from either  
the **FLESH** or the **SPIRIT**.

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The zeal of the flesh often manifests  
itself in:

**IMPATIENCE.**

**DOMINEERING** behaviors.

**EXCESSIVE** risk-taking.

**ANGER.**

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The zeal of the flesh often manifests  
itself in:

**INTEMPERATE** speech.

**MOB** behavior—People will do

things as part of a group that they

would never do as an individual!

Many church **PROBLEMS** are  
caused by fleshly zeal masquerading as  
spiritual zeal.

Hard **LINES** get drawn.

All **COMPROMISE** is rejected.

**CONFLICT** erupts.

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Many church **PROBLEMS** are  
caused by fleshly zeal masquerading as  
spiritual zeal.

People get **HURT**.

Sinful **ATTITUDES** are improperly  
justified.

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The zeal of the spirit manifests itself in:

**SACRIFICIAL** love.

**JOYFUL** service.

**LOYALTY.**

**FAITHFULNESS.**

Loving but risky **TRUTH** telling.

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God's solution to Saul's

**MISPLACED** zeal was to simply

**REVEAL** to Saul who He truly

was!

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## **Conclusion:**

Are you zealous? If you are,  
are you zealous for Christ-  
like love, or for religion?

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