

SPIRITUALLY FERVENT

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One of the character traits God's word tells His children to have is "**fergency**." Defining it means "**having great emotion or zeal; ardent**." Let's see how we can apply this trait in our lives.

Fervent in Prayer. "Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God." {Colossians 4:12} Christians should be fervent in offering their prayers to God- Thanksgiving, praise, our daily needs, the needs of others and help in times of weakness.

Fervent in service. "Not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit serving the Lord." {Romans 12:11} God's children should be zealous in doing the work He has given us to do. "Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works." {Titus 2:14} During His own time on earth His parents found Him in the temple. What was He doing? Busy completing "His Father's business." All of us must be working to accomplish His business.

Fervent in love. "Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart." {1 Peter 1:22} The Christian's life should be one that is motivated by love. Love for God-Matthew 22:37-40. Love for the sacrifice of Christ- Ephesians 5:25. Love for the words of life- John 6:63. Love for one another- John 13:34,35.

Listen to the words of Paul: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing." {1 Corinthians 13:1-3}

God's people are to be examples to the world of what living godly is all about. Every day people around us observe how we conduct our personal lives. Dear reader, what do those who examine your life observe in your daily conduct? What do you feel fervent about in your life? Are you a "**spiritually fervent**" disciple of Christ? ***