

God is "not in my house"

What is taking up too much room in your life leaving little room for God?

He (Jesus) told those who were selling doves, "Get these things out of here! Stop turning My Father's house into a marketplace!" And His disciples remembered that it is written: Zeal for Your house will consume Me. John 2: 16,17

Why is Jesus angry? I thought Jesus was all about sweetness and kindness? This is a common question. Let's look at the word zeal. According to Dictionary.com, zeal means, fervor for a person, cause, or object; eager desire or endeavor; enthusiastic diligence; ardor.

Jesus was not passionate about getting a cord and chasing people around. In fact, the cords were for chasing the larger animals, such as the oxen, out of the temple. Jesus was passionate about His Father's house and what was being done in it.

This incident occurred during a celebration called Passover and many Jews came to the temple market to buy a lamb to sacrifice to celebrate freedom from Egypt. Jesus was filled with great desire to restore prayer to God's temple. He wanted the religious people of the day, called Pharisees who ran the market, to know that this was not a place for profit but for prayer.

Draw a symbol of what you are passionate about.

How about you? Are you filled with zeal when God does not get his props? Are there things in your life you should be driving out to make room for a passionate pursuit of your faith? Do you need to make room for prayer, Bible Study and gathering with fellow believers for worship?

Get fired up! Grab some rope and chase the suckers out of your life that are holding you back.

Read: Exodus 12:21-28, I Corinthians 3:16,17, Psalm 69:9

Send God a comment (prayer). God, I need to be more passionate about...