

## \Empowered 5: Passion

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. [And] Love your neighbor as yourself. There’s no greater commandment than these.”* Mk. 12:30-31 (NIV)

### *With all your heart...*

<b>SEEK</b>	<b>God passionately!</b> Deut. 4:29
<b>LOVE</b>	<b>God passionately!</b> Deut. 6:6
<b>SERVE</b>	<b>God passionately!</b> Deut. 10:12
<b>OBEY</b>	<b>God passionately!</b> Deut. 30:2
<b>TRUST</b>	<b>God passionately!</b> Pr. 3:5

**Do everything passionately!** Col. 3:23

*“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor!”* Romans 12:11 (NIV)

## A CHECKLIST OF PASSION-KILLERS

### 1. AN UNBALANCED \_\_\_\_\_

*“Take the time and the trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit.”*  
1 Timothy 4:7b (Ph)

### 2. AN UNCONFESSED \_\_\_\_\_

*“My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear... I am bowed down and brought low.”* Ps. 38:4+6 (NIV)

### 3. AN UNRESOLVED \_\_\_\_\_

*“Resentment destroys the fool, and jealousy kills the simple.”* Job 5:2 (NLT)

*“You are only hurting yourself with your anger.”* Job 18:4 (GN)

### 4. AN UNSUPPORTED \_\_\_\_\_

*“Two are better than one, because... if one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!”* Eccl. 4:9-10 (NIV)

### 5. AN UNDERNOURISHED \_\_\_\_\_

*“Just as you trusted Christ to save you, trust Him, too, for each day’s problems; live in vital union with Him. Let your roots grow down into Him and draw up nourishment from Him. See that you go on growing in the Lord, and become strong and vigorous...”*  
Col. 2:6-7 (LB)

*“You must worship only the Lord, for He is a God who is passionate about His relationship with you.”* Ex. 34:14 (NLT)

## Which items do you need to work on?

*“You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you’ve fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first.”*  
Rev. 2:4-5 (NIV)