

ZEALOUS *for Good* WORKS

Titus 2:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ 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.



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Biggest Problem Facing The
Lord's Church Today?

#Post Modernism?

#Materialism?

(philosophical or practical)

#Rank Ungodliness?



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Biggest Problem Facing The
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#Division?

#False Doctrine?

#Worldliness?

#Complacency?



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Redeemed To WORK!

TITUS 2:11-15 (NKJV)

¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,



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¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed



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¹⁵ Speak these things,
exhort, and rebuke with
all authority. Let no one
despise you.

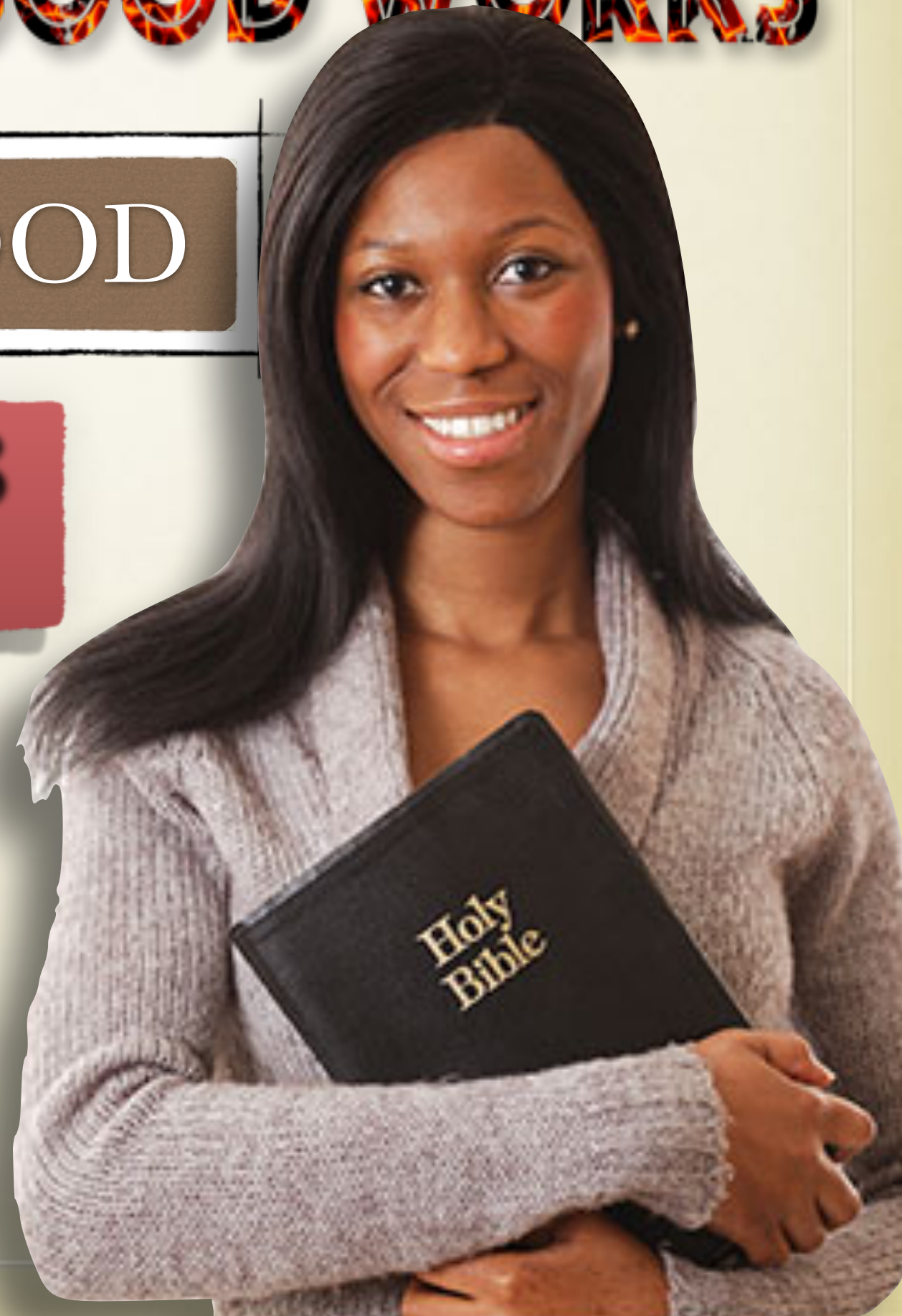


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Zealous To DO GOOD

GALATIANS 4:18
(NKJV)

¹⁸ But it is good to be zealous in a good thing always, and not only when I am present with you.



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Zealous To HELP

2 CORINTHIANS 9:1-2 (NKJV)

¹ Now concerning the ministering to the saints,... ² for I know your willingness, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has stirred up the majority.



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Zealous To REPENT

REVELATION 3:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

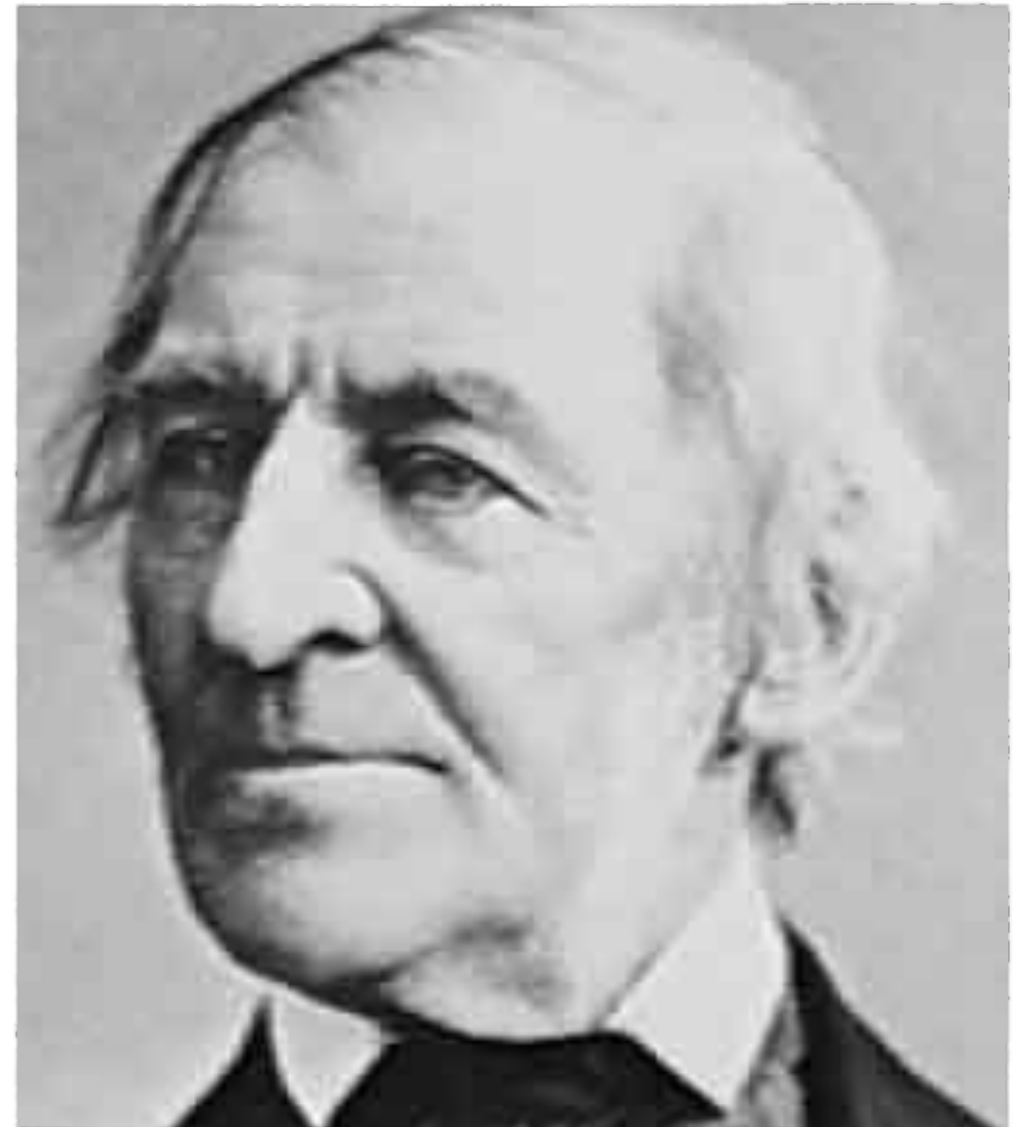


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Defining ZEAL

“Nothing great
was ever
achieved without
enthusiasm” —

R. W. Emerson



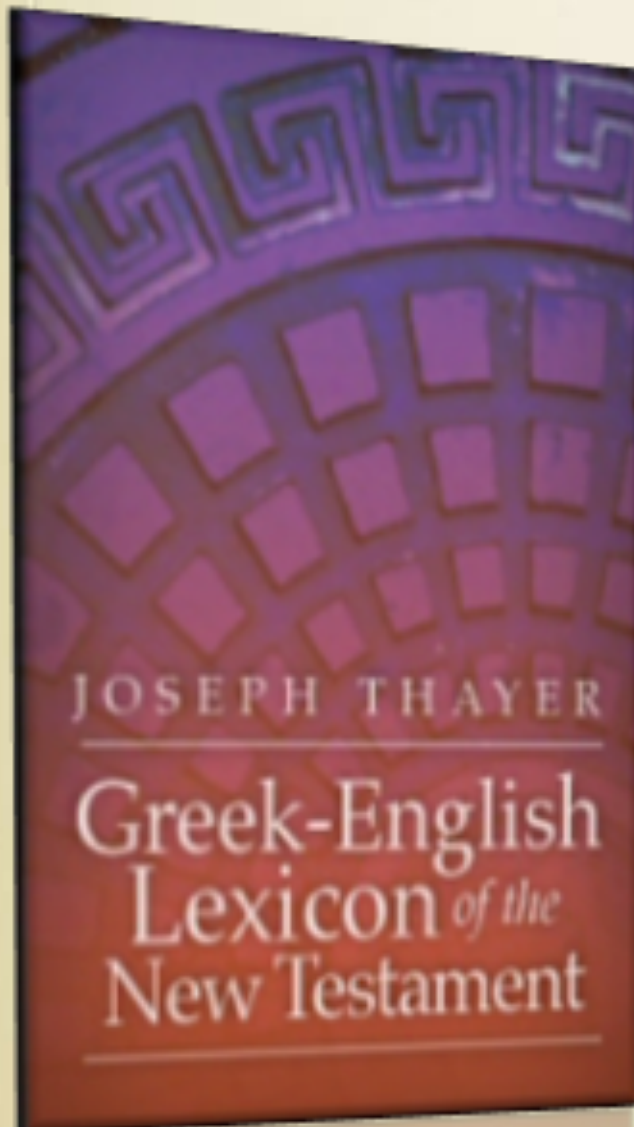
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Defining ZEAL - “to strive after something.” - TDNT

Strong's Number: <G2205> Original Word: ζῆλος, *zēlos*

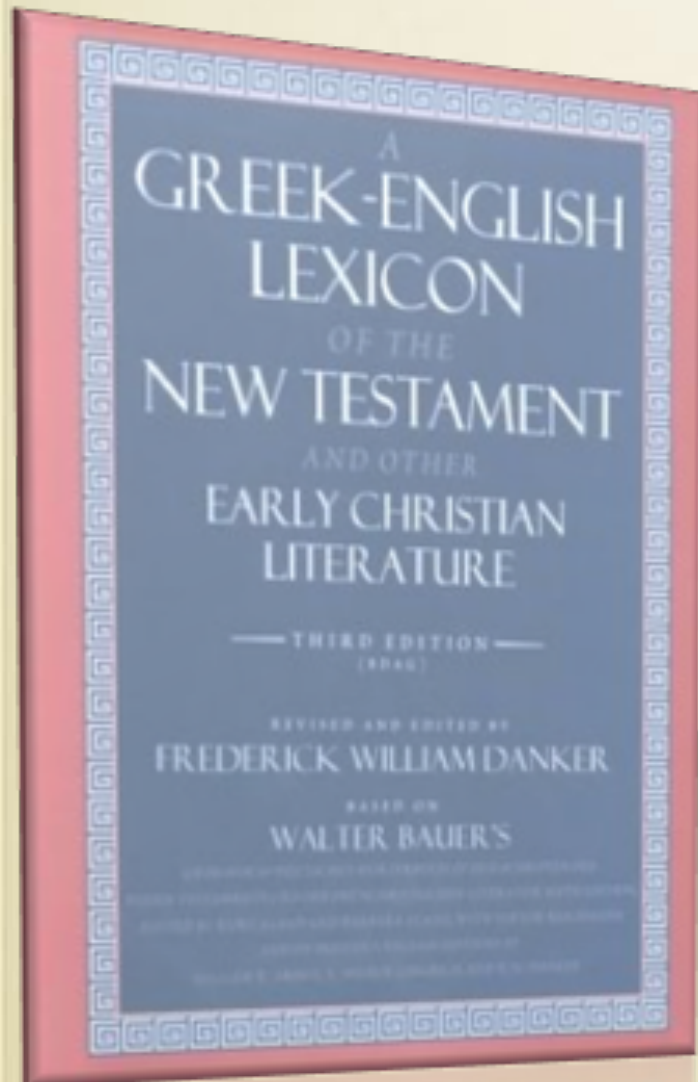
1. “zeal, ardor in embracing, pursuing, defending anything”: *2 Corinthians 12:11; 9:2; κατα ζηλος*, as respects zeal (in maintaining religion), *Philippians 3:6*; with the genitive of the object, “zeal in behalf of, for” a person or thing, *John 2:17* from *Psalms 68:10 (Psalms 69:10); Romans 10:2 . . .* —

Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon



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25.77 ζηλωτής^a, οὗ *m*: one who is deeply committed to something and therefore zealous—‘enthusiast, zealous person.’
ζηλωτῆς ὑπάρχων τοῦ θεοῦ καθὼς πάντες ὑμεῖς ἐστε σήμερον ‘being deeply committed to God even as all of you are today’ Ac 22:3.

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). [*Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains*](#) (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 297). New York: United Bible Societies.

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noun - fervor for a person, cause, or object; eager desire or endeavor; enthusiastic diligence; ardor.

Synonyms

Passion

Enthusiasm

Intensity

Diligence

Antonyms

Apathy

Lethargic

Indifference

Laziness



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ZEAL *Can Be* GOOD *or* BAD

Where Is Our Zeal Directed?



Col. 3:1-3
1 John 2:15-17
Eccl. 1:1
Matt. 6:19-34
2 Cor. 4:18



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Zeal is a good thing when
grounded on truth &
directed toward godly ends
— Jno. 2:17 (Psa. 69:9);
Gal. 4:17-18.

Misplaced zeal is not good
& can be deadly:

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CBS NEWS - a snake-handling Kentucky pastor who appeared on the National Geographic television reality show "Snake Salvation" **died after being bitten by a snake.**

Jamie Coots was handling a rattlesnake at his Full Gospel Tabernacle in Jesus Name Church in Middlesboro when he was bitten on the hand Saturday night, February 15, 2014.

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Atheism
Islam
Pentecostalism
Calvinism
Monergism
Premillennialism
Transmillennialism
Institutionalism

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Let Us Be Zealous For Good Works

- **Bible Study** – 2 Tim 2:15; 2 Pet. 2:2; Ps. 119:97-104
- **Obeying the gospel** - Acts 22:16; 2 Cor 6:2
- **Spiritual Growth** – 2 Pet. 1:5-12.
- **Service to God** – Mark 12:29-31; Mat. 6:33,
- **Serving The Needs of Brethren** – Rom. 12:9-17; 2 Cor. 9:2; 1 Pet. 1:22; 4:8; James 5:16; Heb. 10:24,25
- **Defeating Sin & Error** – 2 Cor. 7:11; Mat. 5:30; John 2:17; Acts 17:16
- **Evangelism** – Mark 16:15; Acts 8:4; 1 Thes 1:7,8



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2 PETER 3:10-18 (NKJV)

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. ¹¹

Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of *persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

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¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; ¹⁵ and consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you,

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¹⁶ as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they* do also the rest of the Scriptures. ¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; ¹⁸ but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory both now and forever. Amen.