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“Zealous To Advance The Church”
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I Cor. 14:12 – Zealous for the gifts that please God

II Kings 10:16 – Our actions should show obedience and love for God

II Cor. 9:2 – Should be proud of reputation that comes with bearing fruit for God

- I. Zealousness is admired in many circles
 - A. In Sports
 - B. In Business
 - C. In Politics
 - D. In War

- II. Why so little zealousness in Christians?
 - A. It is deceitfulness of Satan and a plot from Hell
 - B. Laziness of Christians
 - C. Christians becoming content
 - D. Jealousy and backbiting of Church Members
 - E. Discouragement by church members – Jesus even said to Peter one day, “get behind me Satan”
 - F. Many try constantly to put out the fires of the Holy Spirit

- III. Have zeal in advancing the Church.
 - A. It is a divine institution and deserves our best
 - B. Jesus said, “If you love Me keep my commandments”
 - C. The need is so great and the Gospel is for everyone
 - D. How do we advance the Kingdom of God
 1. Prayer
 2. Giving
 3. By living the life of the redeemed
 4. By zealously serving God
 5. By winning souls to the kingdom
 - a. All men need to repent of sin and toward God – Luke 13:3
 - b. All need to seek first the Kingdom of God – Matt. 6:33
 - c. All need to be born again – John 3:3

- d. The Kingdom of God is within the redeemed – Luke 17:20-21
- e. Pray every day for the Kingdom of God to come – Matt. 6:13-19
- f. Preach the Kingdom – Luke 9:2