



WOW: Word Of the Week

ENERGIZED!

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How's your ministry for the Lord going? You do realize that every Christian is called to ministry, don't you? (Ministry is just a fancy word for service.) How are you and God progressing on your journey together and the work you share?

One key is to understand spiritual energy. God energizes us, he works within us (Eph. 3:19-21). Being energized by God keeps us from simply going through the motions of Christianity. Being energized by God means that we do not get days off—and we don't want them! Every day is a God-day.

I admit it. Some mornings I do not feel very energized. But I arise anyway, usually no later than 5:00 AM, confident that God energizes me and that I will find energy in what he places before me. God is already at work when I arise—I only have to find where he wants me to join him in his work!

I am energized by God. I am energized when I review what he has enabled in the past, confident that he is also the God of my future. I am energized by keeping a record of what God has done and is doing.

I know that what I am doing is more than ministry, study, writing, mission work. What I am doing is not just serving, preaching, preparing, evangelizing. I am not merely teaching, mentoring, training. What I am doing is eternal. I am energized by maintaining a focus on something bigger, more important, longer-lasting.

Church, Christianity must never become “we are just....”

What is the target? What is the goal? What compels us forward? What is your motivation, your why?

I am energized by my daily activity, even when it seems meager, repetitive, less than impactful. I am energized because my daily life is connected by God to his eternal purpose.

You may have heard the explanation. Enthusiasm is literally “God in” us. Or alternatively, we are “in God.” I like the first version best. It reflects Eph. 3:19-21. God's presence in my life – every day, without fail – is my passion, my purpose.

God gives the energy. God gives the resources. Ours is to direct our energy toward God's purpose. Ours is to make certain our resources are used for God's eternal purpose. Tuning our hearts! Jan and I struggle with how I use God's resources. We admit to being frugal. A friend says I can make the buffalo on the nickel holler!

Personal experience. I just returned from a mission trip. Sobering. In the Dominican Republic \$50/month supports the ministry of a preacher. In Colombia and Peru, \$600-700/month supports an evangelist planting churches and experiencing numerous baptisms. How much of God's resources should go to our leisure, fun, travel, bucket-list, enjoyment? If God gives me ten salaries, does he get one and I get nine? How do I know he did not give me ten salaries so I could have one and he could have nine?

Are you energized by your daily walk with Jesus? Are you energized by God's Word, conversation with God, seeing God at work? Are you energized by the possibilities? The opportunities?

Energized. Some days less, some days more. But always knowing this – mediocrity is not acceptable in my walk with God. All in! Enthused! Energized!