

Whole-Hearted Devotion

Experts spend a lot of time trying to figure out what makes people successful, and more than anything else, passion is what makes the difference.

Addressing this subject, John C. Maxwell, author and internationally recognized authority on leadership development, in his book *Leadership Promises for Your Week*, offers four truths about passion and what it can do for you as a leader:

1. **Passion is the first step to achievement.** “Your desire determines your destiny,” he said. “The stronger your fire, the greater the desire – and the greater the potential.”
2. **Passion increases your willpower.** “There is no substitute for passion. It is fuel for the will. If you want anything badly enough, you can find the willpower to achieve it,” Maxwell declared.
3. **Passion changes you.** If you follow your passion, you can’t help but become a more dedicated, productive person. In the end, your passion will have more influence than your personality,” he noted.
4. **Passion makes the impossible possible.** “Human beings are so made that whenever anything fires their soul, impossibilities vanish,” Maxwell wrote. “A fire in the heart lifts everything in your life. A leader with great passion and few skills always outperforms a leader with great skills and no passion.”



As you begin a new day, perhaps a self-checkup is in order. What are you passionate about ...

- Your marriage?
- Your children?
- Your job?
- The residents you serve?
- The associates you lead?
- Your relationship with Christ?

How we answer those questions will determine the degree of success for each of those endeavors.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men (Colossians 3:23 NIV).

– Beecher Hunter