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## The Spiritual Glow

Rom. 12:11

In the paragraph where any text is found we have a great array of splendid exhortations. "abhor that which is evil cleave to that which is good" "Be fervent in spirit" "Serving the Lord" Dr. Moffatt translates the expression, "Maintain the spiritual glow."

There is such a thing as a noble enthusiasm. This kind has a defensive power in our lives. This kind of enthusiasm is a passion for some supreme interest it is so passionate that it dominates the life.

It has defensive powers in our life. It gathers all our powers into its own going. Leaving nothing to trail in the dust to find like this tends to make every thing clear.

you only have to look around you to see this protective influence. Look at a boy who goes to college and around him are entertainments which would lull him into laziness but give him a passion for learning and all small pleasures are burnt in its fervent heat.

Emerson said "Hitch your wagon to a star." Even drawing a cart along a muddy road may be associated with lofty ideals. Pulling a cart may be bridging to some and our passion should be such that their ideals be changed.

The worth while things need to subside - taste those of less value. (All little boys & lions and Rabelais)

We might observe that when our enthusiasm begins to cool our defensive energy begins to wane. As the fire dies out the enemy comes in. Let temperature of the blood be reduced and the waiting plague comes in. (Perry and North Pole his men as cold forced them his men weakened)

"Be fervent in spirit" was spoken to a little band of Christians living in Rome. Think of their environment - breathing deadly germs. A Luke warm religion will be a nothing. He is telling them that if the fire goes out Rome will come - In our own day our moral enthusiasm is out of service.

Rome

1. Let us look at this counsel as it affects the individual life. when our devotion to Christ maintains its spiritual glow every thing in our lives shines. The glorious influence of the quickening heat. Life is energized from the central fire. The fire of such a life is its defence.

See an explorer in the jungle, when the fire dies down the beasts come back and the poisonous hornet returns.

2. Apply this to the Church. when the Church maintains its glow mercurial things are burned up. But when the fire dies the world it reaches in.

The fires in the Church Jerusalem died and when Paul came back at reported about his journey they wanted him to take the purple & bowed down his head.

when the Church loses its glow ritualism towers. Some coming more and more to fall out with ritualism - that type of it that smother the spiritual glow. Some falling out with Prince Albert religion. we have a Church in which there is a drummer who sells every preacher who becomes his partner a long Tail Coat. When I learned that

when the glow dies the organism  
is replaced by the organization

we form so many organizations  
that if we attend them & half their  
meetings we will be away from  
home about 12 nights in the  
week.

There is such a thing as working  
so much to create more machinery  
that we never get to turning out  
the products. I know that I  
lay myself liable to criticism  
when I say this but I must  
say it. ~~For~~ There is no reason why  
that the church should not do all  
the good that all the other organi-  
zations are striving to do.

all individual, churchly, and  
social ills are going to be cured  
in one way and that way is -  
the spiritual Christian glow.

"Come Holy Spirit Heavenly dove  
With all thy quickening powers  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
On these cold hearts of ours."

The little news boy "O-brought  
me home". No machinery that will  
not bring some body home.

