



“Passive or Passionate”

Genesis 3

- I. Four Kinds of People – John Maxwell
 - “Cop-outs”
 - “Hold-outs”
 - “Drop-outs”
 - “All-outs”
- II. There is a direct correlation between how close we are to our God (and how deeply we trust Him), and whether or not we are all-in.
- III. Satan is intent on...
 - Severing our walk with God.
 - Alienating and severing the emotional and spiritual relationships that we have with our husbands, wives, children, and families.
 - Undermining our faith.
 - Lulling us into being passive (and/or prideful).
- IV. Display Gen. 3: 1-13
- V. When the crafty serpent approached and enticed Eve, where was Adam? [Have the answer scroll up]
WITH HER!
- VI. “If a man is passive and indifferent to the things of God and to our calling to be the spiritual leader in our home, then an attack is not necessary because he has already neutralized us...Gentlemen, I know that you love your families; you love your wives; you love your children. You would be willing to die for them. In most wars, that’s what men are



asked to do... but in this war, it's different. In this war, Jesus Christ is looking for men who will LIVE for their families."

Steve Farrar - *Point Man*

VII. "What is sad is when a man quits living and dies before he dies."

-Jim Martin

VIII. Six Foundational Themes in *Magnificent Marriages* – Bro. Donnie Hilliard

- Commitment.
- Appreciation for other.
- Positive communication.
- Spending time together.
- Strong spiritual well-being.
- Ability to cope with stress and change.

IX. The secret to living passionately and being a fully committed child of God... [have these come up one at a time]

- Is truly comprehending how deeply we are loved!
- Is to remind ourselves daily what we have been invited to participate in!
- Is to identify who and what we are really passionate about!
- Is to "fix our eyes on Jesus" and daily renew our faith, hope, love, and trust in Him!

Life Group Questions

1. In regards to passion and commitment, John Maxwell mentions four types of people {cop-outs, hold-outs. Drop-outs, and All-outs.} Do you believe that it is difficult for many to commit? If so, why & what about you?
2. This point was made this morning: The secret to living passionately and being a fully committed child of God is to truly comprehend how deeply you are loved. Whenever you think of the depth of the love that God and Christ demonstrated that each one of them has for us [John 3:16, Luke 15:11-31, Romans 5: 6-8] how does it affect you and what does it move you to be and do?
3. Read 1 Peter 5: 8-9, Revelation 12: 7-9, and 1 John 5:19. What do those verses say about Satan and his plans, purposes, and schemes against us?



4. Based upon 1 Peter 5:8 and Jesus example in Matt. 4, what are effective ways to resist him?
5. If you could imagine living in the Garden of Eden back before the fall, what would have been some of the tremendous blessings that you would have loved to experience?
6. In the story of the fall in Gen.3:1-4, what “schemes” did the crafty serpent use to tempt/entice Eve?
7. According to Gen.3:6, where was Adam when Eve ate of the fruit and why is that significant?
8. Comment on your thoughts about both the Steve Farrar and the Jim Martin quotes above.
9. What are you really passionate about and share some of your dreams and goals with your LG?
10. Gen.3:15 is the first hint that Jesus is coming [to save us, crush Satan, and will make wrongs right and everything new.] Why is it so vital for us to daily renew our faith, hope, and love and “fix our eyes on him” and “long for his appearing”?

