1 Corinthians 15:58. "Always abounding in the work of the Lord."

The religion of an individual is a reflection of growing enthusiasm as the purpose of Christ develops in that individual.

Paul says, "Be not weary in well doing." "Pray without ceasing," "Be always with you," "Epaphras, a servant of Christ, salutes you, always striving earnestly for you in prayer." "Rejoice in the Lord always." "Stand fast in the Lord." Praying always and watching wooded with all perseverance."
"Giving thanks always for all things.
Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free." See
that ye abound in liberty.
"Watch ye, stand fast, quit ye like men, be strong."
"Therefore, my brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always
abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know
that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." These
admonitions of St. Paul give
us clearly and exactly. The
way the New should serve
the Lord. Did ye notice how
many different ways and tell us to be enthusiastic. "Be not weary, always with face, always striving fervently, with all patience, absorbed in liberality, to strong, always abounding in the work of the Lord." Here is no place in life where the Christian can render a half-hearted service. Life is effective must be intense, fervent - enthusiastic.

The opposition of enemies, the mountains of obstacles placed in our way by well meaning friends, the bun-
drawers to our progress caused by flaws in our own character, makes enthusiasm a necessary element of our character. We cannot get where without enthusiasm if we moving forward. It does not take much enthusiasm to fall into a hole or to slide down a muddy hillside, and still less to fail in an examination. Enthusiasm is needed where men are pushing onward, where there are loads to lift, where there is a victory to win. Enthusiasm is
fervor, intensity and
reverence joined with
faith, courage and hope.

It is a composite
element made up by uniting certain other elements.

Here is a force like the
rays of the burning sun.
It is so diffused that its
power is not centered.

Its force is not suf-
ficient. They tell us
that an apparatus has
been invented by which
they are converting the
sun's rays into power.
Here must be in a like
Maxime, a collection of all the fervent rays that emanate from our burning heart, concentrating our favor into an intelligent field of service—whence we call life. This fervent, intense and vehement life is a life of faith, courage and hopefulness—which we call enthusiasm.

No true enthusiasm ever dies. If enthusiasm dies it was not real and true. The life of enthusiasm is drawn out of faith, courage and hope. The intensity and fervor of enthusiasm were developed by the
frieties of life. Hurdles and oppositions develop rather than kill enthusiasm. It is true that many are discouraged easily because they are not grounded deeply. They do not know God and His power. Superficially.

All young people have courage and hope. Young people will try anything. Young people are weak.

He is faith in God, yet not always. David, the shepherd boy, heard God.
Challenges the armies of God. David's courage and hope backed by a strong faith in God surged him down the hillside and as he passed over the brook to go to the giant, picked up a few stones for his sling and walked on while the tens of thousands of soldiers looked down upon him. He knew he could do it, and he did it. He slew the giant. David did not know of the giant till the day he had to go forth to kill him. We were know at 20
what will occur at 30 or 40. Life starts out a
fair day with not a
single cloud in sight.
The breezes are pleasant
and invigorating. Our
songs flow from eager,
expectant hearts. Soon
the clouds begin to gather.
The horizon becomes hazy
The breezes become a gale.
Songs are muted. We
are in a storm. The
waves beat and break
over our rolling ship. We
are pounded by adversity.
Here is but one thing to do.
we must hold steadfast on our way, facing with all our strength the onslaught of the storm.

We start out on life knowing that there are enemies - but little thinking that opposition would come from just where and how it does. The tree thrown across our path, the bridge destroyed before us, is the work of enemies but of friends - sometimes as Christ has told us of our own household.

There is no human organization
perfect. In fact, all are very imperfect. The clubs, the lodges, the business enterprises, the Mission Boards—all have their troubles.

We must face the stern fact that life is a struggle. Smiles become less frequent; laughter loses much of its wholesome joy, while personal friends become fewer as the years increase in number. Just here lies life's great peril.

We must be careful not
to allow the opposition to
bend our ideals and
to divert us from our
purpose. When we enter
the storm we must be
careful not to allow the
storm to enter us. It
will blow us to pieces.
If we do. keep your life calm
within, push on, the
storm will cease if you
do not become a storm
centre.

You expect to do a great and
good work. To live a true
life is a tremendous task.
Elizabeth Phelps in her
"Struggle for Immortality" asks:
"What do you believe undertake?
Simply the imitation of the most intense life the world has known. In following the example of Christ you will never succeed if you expect too much help from your fellow man. You can never succeed if you allow yourself to become discouraged. You cannot allow yourself to meditate on your failures longer than to see how to avoid them in the future. You can never succeed if you allow the hindrances to direct.
you attention from what
God has given you to do.
We must always be
abounding in the work of the
Lord."

Enthusiasm is not second
on demand. It is composed
by long experience, directed
by experience intelligence.
There is an enthusiasm which
today cries "Hosanna!" and
tomorrow "Crucify Him!".
There is an enthusiasm that
begins the school term, doing
everything before it for a
time. Then it lags and
The lessons are not prepared.
Here is a temporary enthusiasm
...will die rather than give in on one point that was not right. It is the nature of fire. I know it almost from youth. It is in enthusiasm. It is intense passion because it is the nature of fire. We want it. We need it in our life. That comes from close association with Jesus, the author of our new life. Christ said, “I must work the works of Him who sent me” and “how can I be patient till it is accomplished?”

From realization that you have passed from the old life into a new life. When Marie Antoinette came to France to be Queen, she put off her Austrian clothes and put on new French clothes. She had entered a new life. So the xtn to have enthusiasm must realize that he is in a new life — a new responsibility.
that will die rather than give up. You never saw a cold fire. It is the nature of fire to be hot. You never saw a cold sky. It is the nature of sky to be enthusiastic because it feeds on the faith, courage and hope of the power of God. The enthusiasm that we want is that which comes from a realization that we have passed from the old life into a new life. When Antoinette came to France to be Queen, she put off her Austrian dress and...
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