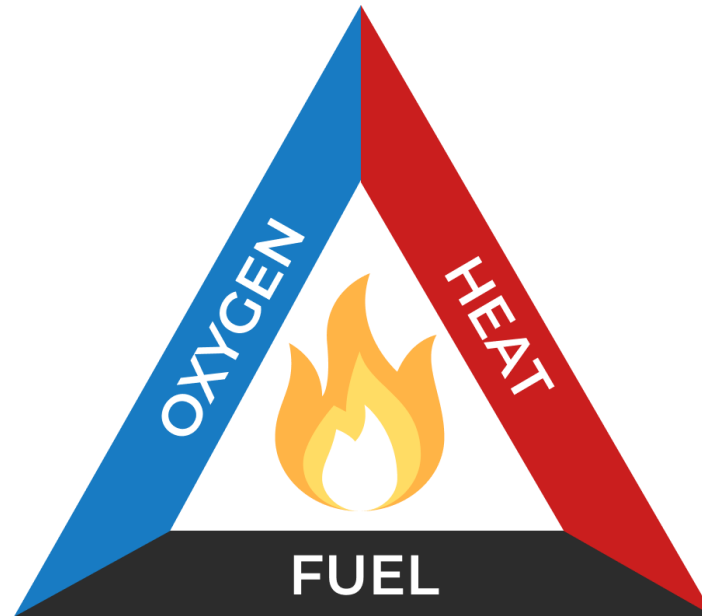


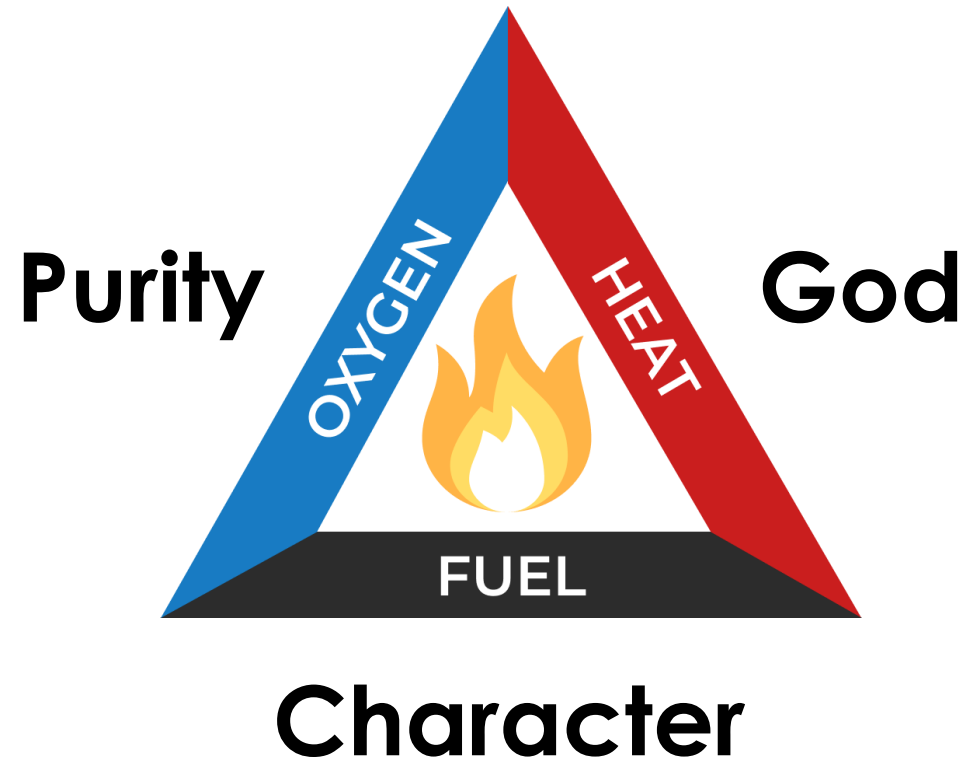


How to Stir Up Zeal in the Local Congregation

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Zeal in the New Testament

- ▶ Zeal
- ▶ Zealous
- ▶ Zealot (Lk. 6:15; Acts 1:13)

Why study zeal?

- ▶ Removing wrong (Jn. 2:17)
- ▶ Teaching others (Acts 18:25)
- ▶ Influencing others (2 Cor. 9:2)
- ▶ Service and good works (Rom. 12:11; Tit. 2:14; 1 Pet. 3:13)

Why study zeal?

- ▶ Repentance (2 Cor. 7:11; Rev. 3:19)
- ▶ Godly jealousy (2 Cor. 11:2)
- ▶ For God and his law (Acts 21:20; 22:3; comp. Gal. 1:14; Phil. 3:6; Rom. 10:2)

Why study zeal?

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1. Prepare your environment

- ▶ A fire will not burn in the wrong environment: water, etc.
- ▶ Worldliness is the wrong environment
- ▶ Spirituality is the right environment

2. Ignite your flame

- ▶ A fire will not burn until it is ignited: match, etc.
- ▶ Draw nearer to God (Jas. 4:8-10)
- ▶ Be more Christ-like (Rom. 8:28)

3. Check your fuel

- ▶ A fire will not burn without fuel: wood, etc.
- ▶ The fuel of God's word
- ▶ The fuel of prayer
- ▶ The fuel of wisdom

3. Check your fuel

- ▶ The fuel of service – good works

4. Protect your flame

- ▶ A fire will not continue to burn unless it is protected: wind, rain, etc.
- ▶ Worldliness, false doctrines, hard times, burn-out, etc.

5. Tend the fire

- ▶ A fire will not continue to burn unless you keep it going: more fuel, etc.
- ▶ Stir up your zeal (2 Tim. 1:6; 2 Pet. 1:13; 3:1)
- ▶ Try new things: special study, extra assemblies, new projects, Zoom Bible study, etc.

6. Don't forget to use your fire

- ▶ Why did you start your fire in the first place?
- ▶ Seek opportunities to use it in and out of the assembly

7. Don't forget to spread your fire

- ▶ Parents (Heb. 11:7)
- ▶ Friendships (1 Sam. 18:1)
- ▶ Mentors (Acts 18:24-28)
- ▶ Church members (Heb. 10:24-25)

Zeal in the Local Church

- ▶ Preaching on zeal is not enough (comp. with personal work, church discipline, etc.)
- ▶ You will have to go individually, member by member, and get them to be more and do more with you (or one of the elders)