

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7

"I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Galatians 2:20

"More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ."

Philippians 3:8

Consider where you are in your faith-walk with Christ. Are you comfortable, or are you on fire? A google search of "what are the characteristics of Christians who are 'on fire for Christ?'" included the following:

1. Boldness – They are fearless in preaching the gospel and serve God without compromise.
2. Love – They love others and are sacrificial givers.
3. Obedience – They are obedient to the Spirit of God.
4. Meditating on the Word – They meditate on the Word to allow the truth of Christ to become part of who they are.
5. Desire for God's presence – They are obsessed with the presence of God and desire for others to be with Him, as well.
6. New encounters with God – They constantly have new encounters with God to develop a greater desire to know him.

P R A Y E R

Father, you are the author and creator of all things. You know everything about us. Please ignite a fire in our hearts for a deep relationship with you and for those that don't know you. Keep fear and complacency far from our hearts. Open our eyes to see how you want us to use the gifts and financial means that you have given us for your glory. Forgive us when we doubt. Thank you for desiring a relationship with us, walk beside us and let us feel you near all of the days of our life. In Jesus' name, amen.

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