



**How to Maintain Your Passion for Life  
with illustrations from *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss**

“To succeed you have to believe in something  
with such a passion that it becomes a reality.”  
—Anita Roddick

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.*

Mark 12:30–31 (NIV)

How are we to love God and others?

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*So love the Lord God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy.*

Mark 12:30 (MSG)

Over time our passion for God, life, our career, and relationships can begin to fade. Life seems mundane and routine. Your dreams begin to gather dust. At that point you often lower your expectations, and then you start questioning everything. Why? You get infected with the poison venom of “Passion Killers.”

The Antidote to the poison of the “Passion Killers”

I. A \_\_\_\_\_.

*I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing.*

Isaiah 49:4 (NIV)

*Each person should live their life with the gifts that God has given them . . .*

I Corinthians 7:17 (Phillips)

2. **A** \_\_\_\_\_.

*Take time and trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit.*

*1 Timothy 4:7 (Phillips)*

3. **Appropriately** \_\_\_\_\_.

Three Passion Killing Emotions

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Persistent \_\_\_\_\_

*Surely resentment destroys the fool, and jealousy kills the simple.*

*Job 5:2 (NLT)*

*You are only hurting yourself with your anger.*

*Job 18:4 (GNT)*

Major sources for today's teaching come from *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss, *The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss* by James W. Kemp, and *Making A Difference* by Rick Warren.