

The Passions of a CITY CHANGER

Passere, the Latin root of the word passion, means 'to suffer'. When people are prepared to willingly make sacrifices for something, they are said to be 'passionate'.

The following 'passions' are among the things that define us as believers and partners of Doxa Deo. These are the things that we are passionate about as we partner with God in the process of personal transformation and toward the transformation of our city, as well as some key cities in our own and other nations.

CITY CHANGERS are people who have ...

A PASSION FOR GOD
... to know Him is to love Him ...

A passion for God stirs us to submission and obedience to His commands, embracing the authority of His claims and the validity of His expectations. A passion for knowing Him finds expression in many ways, including:

- Regularly assembling together with the body of Christ as a community of believers, i.e. church attendance - from small groups to large congregations.
- Regularly engaging God in worship - from personal times to congregational worship.
- A consistent devotional life, setting time aside for fellowship with God in prayer and worship.
- Being obedient to the command of water baptism.
- Being constantly filled with the Holy Spirit.

CITY CHANGERS are people who have ...

A PASSION FOR INTEGRITY
... living from the inside out ...

An integrated lifestyle – the essence of integrity – is the fruit of a commitment to clear conscience Christianity. Knowing what it means to be rooted in righteousness, living from an authentic personal morality, valuing quality relationships. Personal integrity finds expression in many ways, including:

- A respect for the holiness of God and a hatred of sin.
- Ongoing spiritual growth and character development.
- A desire to reflect the fruit of the Spirit in everyday living.
- A commitment to Godliness, accountability and openness in relationships.
- An understanding and acceptance of our calling and personal gifts.
- A commitment to walk in the basic spiritual disciplines.

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A PASSION FOR PEOPLE
... restoring the image of God in Man ...

There is divine destiny dormant in every human being. Acknowledging and dealing with the fallen nature of Man (through redemption, deliverance and restoration) opens the door to the development of one's full potential in Christ. Life in (and beyond) the Church becomes an adventure in transformation, changing lives from the basic level of the individual's immediate needs and relationships (God, self, spouse, family, friends), establishing a compassionate environment and facilitating restoration and growth.

A passion for people shows. It is evident in active involvement in the lives of others, finding expression in many ways, including:

- A desire to see people discover the power of the Gospel.
- A commitment to see people restored, healed and disciplined (mentored).
- Walking in forgiveness in all relationships.
- Living free from prejudice of race and gender.
- Treating others as equals with dignity, compassion and respect.
- A commitment to mentorship, both as a spiritual father and a committed follower.

CITY CHANGERS are people who have ...

A PASSION FOR SERVICE
... the liberating power of
empowering others ...

Jesus Christ's attitude towards His own abilities and resources was unique. He used them primarily for empowering and enriching others, enhancing the quality of their lives. We have received from Him the mandate to be 'salt and light' in His name, infiltrating the spiritual and social atmosphere in which we live with His attitude and approach to the needs of those around us – with initiative and creativity, modeling an alternative value system.

Having a Christ-like passion for a lifestyle of service shows and finds expression in many ways, including:

- Voluntarily laying aside our own rights in order to serve where needs are identified.
- Generously contributing of our energy, time, talents and possessions for the sake of others.
- Active involvement in gift-oriented ministry.
- Seeking the manifestation of the Holy Spirit's power in ministry.
- Promoting unity, reconciliation and cross-cultural involvement in every expression of the local church.
- Actively working to alleviate the plight of the poor and needy, particularly among fellow-believers.

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CITY CHANGERS are people who have ...

A PASSION FOR OUR CITY
... living with a God's-eye view of
our nation's capital...

Understanding and communicating God's heart for cities makes us people who go, people who engage in consistent strategic prayer for their city's political, social and spiritual leaders and influencers. Obedience to the God-given call for city transformation is expressed practically in many ways, including:

- Embracing the vision for city-transformation at every possible level.
- A commitment to establishing the Lordship of Christ in every sphere of society.
- A commitment to prayer, intercession and spiritual warfare.
- Embracing our priestly role to be guardians of the city and to bless the city.
- Seeking to influence every sphere of society with Kingdom principles.
- Partnering with other life-giving entities and churches in city-wide Kingdom activities.

CITY CHANGERS are people who have ...

A PASSION FOR THE NATIONS
... making Him known to all
men everywhere ...

As individuals and local communities, we all have a part to play in going, sending, or providing the necessary resources for those who go. Our commitment to see 'the knowledge of the glory of God fill the whole earth' places us under obligation to declare Him to all nations.

Our passion for the Nations finds expression in:

- Embracing God's Kingdom mandate for the ordering of Society in God's way.
- A commitment to pioneering church planting, church growth and impact ministries.
- Empowering people with a vision to touch international cities and countries with the message of His Love.
- A willingness to contribute generously towards mission activity, particularly in the context of city transformation.
- The sending, supporting and caring for those who go in obedience to the great commission.

A GREAT COMMITMENT TO THE GREAT COMMANDMENT AND THE
GREAT COMMISSION WILL MAKE A GREAT CHURCH

Rick Warren

