

Zealous

Have you ever attempted to get your thoughts wrapped around the idea of devotion/zeal? The Lord, in regard to his followers, said they were to be “zealous of good works” (Titus 2:14), and it is for this purpose we have been “created in Christ Jesus...that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).

The term zealous, as utilized by the apostle Paul (Titus 2:14), comes from the term zelotes, i.e., a zealot. The words of the apostle Peter encouraged the brethren, when he said, “And who is he that will harm you, if ye be zealous of that which is good?” (1 Peter 3:13) The term translated “zealous” (ASV) is translated “followers” in the KJV, and the term is defined as, an imitator. The term imitator (ASV) or follower (KJV), in 1 Corinthians 11:1, emphasizes who it is we are to follow, i.e., Christ, and that zeal must be properly coupled with knowledge (Romans 10:2). ret