

"SPIRITUAL ZEAL" John 2:13-22

INTRODUCTION:

Jesus really shook things up when He started cleaning house!

In this passage there are several principles. These principles are either "sometimes" or "always" principles.

- I. Jesus was always obedient to God's _____, not man's traditions.**
- II. Sometimes the _____ of God can be corrupted and co-opted.**
- III. What sometimes starts as a _____, can become corrupt.**
- IV. Sometimes _____ IN the Church distracts us from THE _____ OF the Church.**

Jesus explained elsewhere that His Father's house was the same as His House and it is a place for prayer. Matthew 21:13 "And said unto them, *It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.*"

- V. Sometimes what _____ on in God's House has _____ to do with God at all!**
- VI. Sometimes _____ indignation is exactly what is called for!**
- VII. The _____ is always Jesus' "stamp of Authority."**
 - A. "The Jews require a sign" 1 Corinthians 1:22
 - B. Matthew 12:38-41. The sign of Jonah is the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.
 - C. The resurrection of Jesus Christ was God's proof or sign to us that Jesus is the Son of God.
 - D. The thought of the destruction of their Temple really bothered the Jews, which was predictable.
 - 1. They may have realized this fact: If Jesus' body is the temple, then the Jewish temple would no longer be needed.
 - 2. Jesus is the new sacrifice and the new temple and the new way of worship is in spirit and in truth.

CONCLUSION:

The one great truth we learn from this whole story is this:

We should be very zealous to _____ anything and everything from our lives that takes away from the _____ of the True and Living God!

- 1. Is there anything in you heart or life that is taking away from your worship of God?
- 2. You should invite Jesus to come in and "clean house", so to speak, in your heart.
- 3. Then you can serve God with Zeal and worship Him in Spirit and Truth.