

Zeal in Action  
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A scripture presentation of Romans 12:9-13  
*NIV, TPT, ESV, and MSG translations*

**zeal** (zel) from the Greek *zelos*: strong interest or devotion;  
*intense enthusiasm; fervor.*

*This is a simple scripture presentation using various translations. It can be done as a readers theatre piece or a memorized piece, and is adaptable- to be as elaborately staged as you like, to the discretion of the director. Get creative! You can use 4 or 5 actors.*

*A classic film clapperboard is used as the visual focal point that grounds the theme of zeal in action and separates the sections. A fifth actor can be the "director" that starts each section by clapping the board on the "action" line. If using an actor for FIVE, try to keep the repetition fresh by varying the delivery of the line, both vocally and physically. This role could even be comedic. Cast accordingly. If using 4 actors, an idea could be to do the same thing, but using a photo or even a short video clip of a clapboard on a large screen behind or on either side of the actors on the stage as the transition tool.*

*A few ideas to spark the imagination:*

*-A hip-hop, rhythmic underscoring could really bump up the energy and give you another anchoring point if going for a more stylized approach.*

*-A dancer (or dancers) could easily add movement. If you only have dancers, this could be recorded and become a dance piece.*

*-If using actors, the **ALL** lines delivered super energized and together. Like... cheerleaders at a pep rally. Perhaps a choreographed physical movement all together could work as well.*

FIVE:           AND.... ACTION.

**ALL:**           **LOVE.**

ONE:            LOVE MUST BE SINCERE.

TWO:            LET LOVE BE GENUINE.

THREE:         LOVE FROM THE CENTER OF WHO YOU ARE. DON'T FAKE IT.

FOUR:          LET THE INNER MOVEMENT OF YOUR HEART ALWAYS BE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

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FIVE:           ACTION!

**ALL: RESIST.**

ONE: HATE WHAT IS EVIL.

TWO: DESPISE EVIL.

THREE: ABHOR EVIL.

FOUR: RUN FOR DEAR LIFE FROM EVIL

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FIVE: AND... ACTION.

**ALL: PERSIST.**

ONE: CLING TO WHAT IS GOOD.

TWO: EMBRACE EVERYTHING THAT IS GOOD AND VIRTUOUS.

THREE: HOLD FAST TO WHAT IS GOOD.

FOUR: HOLD ON FOR DEAR LIFE TO GOOD.

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FIVE: ACTION

**ALL: CHOOSE IN.**

ONE: BE DEVOTED TO ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE.

TWO: BE GOOD FRIENDS WHO LOVE DEEPLY.

THREE: LOVE ONE ANOTHER WITH BROTHERLY AFFECTION.

FOUR: BE TENDERLY DEVOTED TO LOVING YOUR FELLOW BELIEVERS AS MEMBERS OF ONE FAMILY.

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FIVE: AND.. ACTION

**ALL: SHOW UP**

ONE: HONOR ONE ANOTHER ABOVE YOURSELVES.

TWO: TRY TO OUTDO YOURSELVES-

THREE: OUTDO ONE ANOTHER-

FOUR: PRACTICE PLAYING SECOND FIDDLE.

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FIVE: ACTION!

**ALL: GET IN THE RING AND STAY THERE**

ONE: NEVER BE LACKING IN ZEAL -

TWO: DON'T BE SLOTHFUL IN ZEAL-

THREE: BE ENTHUSIASTIC TO SERVE THE LORD-

FOUR: DON'T BURN OUT-

ONE: BUT --KEEP YOUR SPIRITUAL FERVOR.

TWO: BE FERVENT IN SPIRIT.

THREE: KEEP YOURSELVES FUELED AND AFLAME.

FOUR: KEEP YOUR PASSION TOWARD HIM BOILING HOT.

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FIVE: ACTION.

**ALL: MOVE IN THE OPPOSITE SPIRIT**

ONE: BE JOYFUL IN HOPE

TWO: REJOICE IN HOPE

THREE: RADIATE WITH THE GLOW OF THE SPIRIT AND LET THIS HOPE BURST FORTH-

FOUR: BE ALERT SERVANTS OF THE MASTER, CHEERFULLY EXPECTANT  
RELEASING CONTINUAL JOY.

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FIVE: ACTION

**ALL: BE IMMOVABLE**

ONE: BE PATIENT IN AFFLICTION-

TWO: AND IN TRIBULATION-

THREE: DON'T GIVE UP IN TIME OF TROUBLE-

FOUR: DON'T QUIT IN HARD TIMES, BUT-

ONE: STAY FAITHFUL IN PRAYER.

TWO: COMMUNE WITH GOD AT ALL TIMES.

THREE: PRAY ALL THE HARDER.

FOUR: BE CONSTANT IN PRAYER.

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FIVE: ACTION.

**ALL: GIVE IT AWAY**

ONE: SHARE WITH THE LORD'S PEOPLE WHO ARE IN NEED AND -

TWO: TAKE A CONSTANT INTEREST IN THE NEEDS OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND-

THREE: HELP NEEDY CHRISTIANS AND-

FOUR: CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEEDS OF THE SAINTS AND-

ONE: PRACTICE HOSPITALITY.

TWO: BE INVENTIVE IN HOSPITALITY.

THREE: SEEK TO SHOW HOSPITALITY.

FOUR: RESPOND BY HELPING THEM.

**ALL: ACTION.**

END.