

Be Positive
Enthusiasm
1 Corinthians 15:57-58
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ENTHUSIASM: - strong excitement of feeling

(Greek) **EN THEOS**: - in God, filled with God

*1 Corinthians 15 ⁵⁷ But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work **enthusiastically** for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless. (NLT)*

Examples of Enthusiasm in the Bible

1. **ZACCHAEUS**:

Luke 19 ² There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. ³ He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. (NLT)

2. **DAVID**:

1 Samuel ⁴⁵ David replied to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ Today the Lord will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. (NLT)

3. **JOSHUA**:

Joshua 14 ¹⁰ "Now, as you can see, the Lord has kept me alive and well as he promised for all these forty-five years since Moses made this promise—even while Israel wandered in the wilderness. Today I am eighty-five years old. ¹¹ I am as strong now as I was when Moses sent me on that journey, and I can still travel and fight as well as I could then." (NLT)

How can I have enthusiasm (En Theos) in my life?

1. **TRUST GOD** every day for His provision.

Proverbs 3 ⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. (NLT)

2. **WORSHIP GOD** daily.

John 4 ²³ But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. (NLT)

3. **APPRECIATE GOD** for the gift of each day.

1 Thessalonians 5 ¹⁶ Always be joyful. ¹⁷ Never stop praying. ¹⁸ Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. (NLT)

4. **THANK GOD** for His church.

Ephesians 2 ¹⁹ You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. ²⁰ Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. ²¹ We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. (NLT)

The opposite of enthusiasm is **APATHY**.

Revelation 2 ⁴ Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. ⁵ Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

Psalms 51 ¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. (NIV)