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I've been thinking a lot about The Passion of the Christ the past few weeks and have heard mixed reviews and comments regarding much of the information presented in the film. I've heard how the film is "anti-Semitic" and how it presents the Jewish people in a bad light, blaming them for Christ's death. I've heard how horribly violent it is; during a prescreening in my hometown there were countless theatergoers who left the film early because they couldn't take the brutality portrayed on the screen. I've viewed historical programs analyzing the film and how academia has tried, like they always do, to refute everything Jesus did in his all-too-brief lifetime. I've seen interviews with Mel Gibson and how the interviewer, and the editor, has tried to paint a negative image of the director. What point are all these scholars, journalists, and even theatergoers trying to make? In my opinion, they are missing the point altogether.

This film is not anti-Semitic. It's true that a small number of Jewish High Priests were partly responsible for Jesus' sentencing, as are the Roman authorities. But that small number of Jewish High Priests was alive 2,000 years ago and has nothing, I repeat, nothing to do with the Jews of today, or even the Jews of 1,000 years ago or even 50 years ago. Humanity and its sinful nature is responsible for Christ's suffering and death. We have no one to blame but ourselves.

This film is violent. It is reality. How are people expecting Christ's crucifixion to be portrayed? Do they think it was a walk in the park, something any human being could endure? I urge people not to leave but to stay through the whole film. Do not turn your eyes away from the screen each time Jesus' back is slashed by the Roman whips. Do not turn your eyes away each time a nail pierces his skin. I challenge you to watch as each drop of his blood splatters on the ground. That blood you see was indeed shed for each and every one of us. Look deep into his eyes and feel, through his pain, the tremendous love Christ felt for us. I challenge academia to stop analyzing every detail of the film; stop picking apart the political, religious, and even racial "facts" of this film and start focusing on the beauty of the Passion itself, the reason why it occurred in the first place. For someone to go through what Christ went through and still have the strength to love us, the passion to die for our sins, is quite remarkable. The depth of His love for us knows no bounds, and I think His Passion is proof of that.

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The reason for, the Truth of, His Passion is the point, and so many people have missed it.

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Your Home Business Success Starts With Your Passion

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In whatever career you may find yourself in, there is no such thing as "information overload." Know as much as you can, do what others do, and what the entire company does. Equip yourself with a total knowledge of your work environment, enough to make you feel like you own the network. Who knows, you may someday.

Walking an extra mile, being organized at work, honesty, trust-worthiness, dependability, being a team player, loyalty, and resourcefulness are the must-be characteristics of your passion.

Are you the type of worker who is always looking forward to Monday morning? Or you are the type of worker who's pleading and hoping that it will always be Friday the other day? There are workers who are called TGIF workers? What is TGIF? TGIF stands for Thank God It's Friday. TGIF workers can't wait for their minimum of 8 hours a day to finish. If you classify yourself as a TGIF worker, then you are certainly lacking something or missing something important in your career life - passion.

What does it take to be passionate in your job? There is always that old maxim "Do what you love the most." A passionate worker always has the appetite to go to work every day. He or she doesn't mind if it's Monday or Friday. He or she treats everyday as an important day in his or her career life. What do you think is the result of being a passionate in your career life? When you are passionate in your job, you enjoy it and even seek for more. There is always the idea in your mind that you can always do better than that. You are not satisfied to mediocre work. And it pays to be a passionate worker not because you will be accelerated into higher position nor you will be given extra compensation, but because you can get things done in your work with a sense of appreciation.

In your work as an entrepreneur at home, you got to have extra passion. Why do you need it? You might be asking. Take this for an instance; can you able to sit a little longer whenever a meeting comes? Can you stay a little longer if you're transacting some business matters to a customer that asks too many questions? In short, can you be patient enough but maintaining the passion in you? You can be energetic enough in your work but it demands greater than that. Still, you need passion in your work.

So, what separates a passionate worker to a worker that only minds work?

People who practice passion in their work always perform their work at their best. They always strive

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for perfection in everything. They see perfection as unattainable in most things. But their eagerness drive them much nearer to it than those whose laziness and despondency make them give it up as an imperfection. Passionate workers put extra care in their work and they aren't satisfy for anything less.

At this point you might be asking either one or more of the following questions: 1. Do I need passion even though my work is just a home business? 2. To whom will I use passion? 3. What will passion do for me? What is its impact in my performance? 4. How may I know my passion?

The last question on the list is very interesting. In one way or the other, passion creates a difference in terms of performance between a passionate worker and the other. What do you like the most? What are your interests? What type of job do you enjoy the most? The answers to these questions vary

depending on the personality of a worker. But whatever will it be, if you can answer the questions then that will be your checklist on how you may know your passion. Each worker has different passion. One's passion is not the same with the other. Your job as a home business representative takes a little talking to different people. If you found that your passion is more on communication, then you are really entitled for the home business. If you like to deal with different people and enjoy front liner's job, you are really fitted for the home business.

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