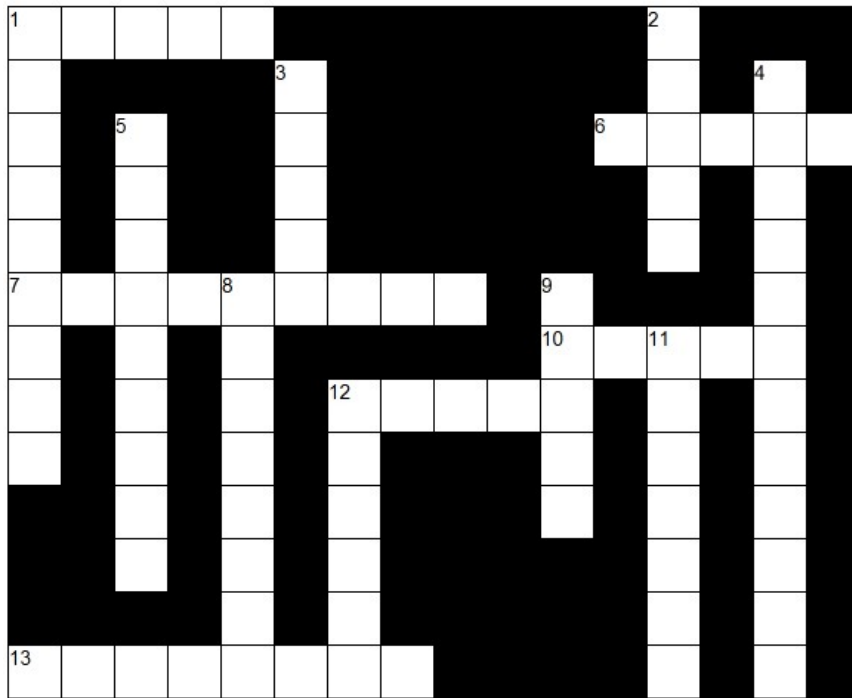


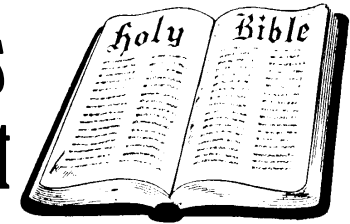
### A Bible Crossword: The Book Of Acts, Part 9



Across: 1. The entire city of Athens was given over to these. 6. The nationality of Timothy's father. 7. Where Paul spoke to the philosophers in Athens. 10. The very religious Athenians had one of these dedicated to the unknown god. 12. A mob attacked this Christian's house in Thessalonica. 13. The time of night when a singing Paul & Silas were freed from prison.

Down: 1. God overlooked the times of this, but He now commands all to repent. 2. The Jews in this city were noble minded, searching the Scriptures daily. 3. The seller of purple. 4. Some in Athens mocked Paul when he taught on this topic. 5. In a night vision, a man from this region told Paul to come over and help. 8. The residents of this city were Roman citizens. 9. Paul told the Athenians that God doesn't dwell in temples made with these. 11. He joined Paul & Silas on the second journey. 12. The nationality of Timothy's mother. —All answers can be found in Acts 16-17, NKJV.

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### Keep Your Passion Under Control

Movie-goers witnessed a bizarre and frightening scene at a showing of "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" in Philadelphia last week on Christmas Day. A gentlemen who preferred to view the movie in silence became annoyed with the talking of the family sitting in front of him. He asked them to be quiet, but they did continued talking more loudly than he preferred, so he threw a handful of popcorn at them. The husband of the family rose and turned to face the popcorn tossing assailant, but he quickly came to regret his decision. The angry fellow drew a .380 caliber Kel-Tec handgun from a clip in his sweatpants and shot the father in the arm. Police arrested the popcorn-tossing gunman and took him into custody.

I find the story particularly troubling because I share several characteristics with the gunman. I don't own a Kel-Tec handgun, and I don't go to the movies in sweatpants, but I do prefer a quiet viewing experience, and I am not the most patient fellow in the world.

At times anger is not bad thing. Anger may be the appropriate response to unrighteousness. When the Jews watched Jesus closely, waiting to see if He would heal a man on the Sabbath day, Jesus became angry. "And when He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts" (Mark 3:5). Sometimes, though, our anger gets the best of us. It gets out of control.

One of the works of the flesh Paul condemns in Galatians 5:20 is “outbursts of wrath,” a translation of the Greek word *thumos*. The word literally means “to breath hard.”

The Greeks used it figuratively of passion. *Thumos* denotes the bristling, spirited element shared by human beings and animals that makes them fight back when threatened.

In Greek literature, *thumos* was not a negative thing in and of itself. Passion makes men heroic and noble, but in excess, without self-control, passion makes men stubborn, foolish, and violent. It is the latter that Paul condemns in Galatians 5:20.

This reckless rage stands in contrast to the fruit of the Spirit that Paul describes in Galatians 5:22-23. “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.”

Passion is like water. When properly controlled, it turns turbines, producing much-needed power. When out-of-control, it lays waste to everything in its path.

We need passion; we need zeal, but to ourselves under control.

—RAB

## Beatitudes For Christians

“Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.” (Matt. 5:3)

“Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.” (Matt. 5:4)

“Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.” (Matt. 5:5)

“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.” (Matt. 5:6)

“Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.” (Matt. 5:7)

“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.” (Matt. 5:8)

“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.” (Matt. 5:9)

“Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.” (Matt. 5:10)

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35)

“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered.” (Rom. 4:7)

“Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.” (James 1:12)

“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.” (Rev. 1:3)

“Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.” (Rev. 22:19)

### Prayer List

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