

GOD WANTS US TO HAVE DESIRES!

Psalms 37:4, "Be delighted with the Lord...he will give you all your hearts desires".

Often times we have the tendency to think that having desires is wrong. We feel as though we should settle for whatever God wants to give us and nothing more. Such thinking is not consistent with Scripture. After all God is the one who said once our heart, thinking and living is right, He will give us our heart's desires. In order for God to give us our hearts desires, then we must have some desires within our heart. To live with no desires, yearnings deep within our soul is to live an empty, and void life. To look at the world around us is to see many who have little to no desires- thus they live hand to mouth day by day. However, a slight glance at Scripture exposes many men who had deep desires within their hear and God granted them those desires.

Jabez desired to be blessed of God. He even prayed that the Lord would enlarge his coast, territory and area of responsibility. Had Jabez had no desire this would never have been penned in Scripture. But because his heart was right, and his desire was right, God gave him what his heart desire. God answered him, blessed him, promoted him above his friends, family and neighbors. In a very real sense. Jabez is only mentioned in the Bible because of one prayer that he prayed daily, regularly and often. He prayed to be the most usable to God in order that he could honor and exalt the name of God. What an awesome desire.

Solomon desired to be wise. As a young leader over the nation of Israel, Solomon realized that his need was not money, riches or fame, but rather it was an understanding heart in order that he could lead the people of the nation of Israel well. Because of his desire, God heard his prayer and answered his prayer accordingly. So specific was Jabez desire and Solomon's desire that they knew when the answer came. Solomon was and is considered still the wisest man outside of Christ to walk on the face of the earth. Imagine if he had never had a desire. Imagine if he had never asked God regarding his desire.

Paul desired to know Christ intimately. In spite of all his religious training, one thing Paul realized. He realized that He didn't know Christ intimately, and his entire heart's longing was to know Christ intimately, deeply. God allowed Paul such intimate knowledge of Christ, that no writings in Scripture compare to Paul's when it comes to an intimacy with the Lord.

The point is rather simple. To never have a desire is to live totally unfulfilled. God wants you to have specific desires that will bring honor to Him. We can have all sorts of desires that are out of line with His will. We can ask for a lot of money, but how does that make you more like Christ. We can pray for things, but how does that exalt the living God. When we pray for those things that honor God, we will find ourselves growing in areas that we never thought possible. But the answer doesn't lie in our ability- but in God's complete ability...FOR HE IS THE ONE THAT SAID DELIGHT IN THE LORD...AND HE WILL GIVE YOU (PERSONALLY AND SPECIFICALLY) THE DESIRES OF YOUR HEART.