Our True Desires

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Desires of the Heart: "The Search For That Something"

We are constantly looking for

- that something that will satisfy us,
- that something that will make us complete...
- that something that will fill the thirst and the hunger, and the emptiness and the loneliness...

And the key to our happiness and our contentment seems to always be in something that we DO NOT already have... Because the stuff that we already have doesn't appear to get the job done...

God knows that we have these desires... He created us with these emotional and physical desires, yet we cannot completely fill them on our own... Only God can ultimately fulfill our desires...

In Ecclesiastes King Solomon expresses that he gave his heart to whatever he desired... to see if it would bring him the happiness and the contentment he longed for...

Ecclesiastes 2:4-11 KJV I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards: I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kind of fruits: I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees: I got me servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me: I

gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts. So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me. And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.

King Solomon desired... learning and knowledge and pleasure, and a legacy of achievement and a successful career and popularity and fame and wealth... But everything he tried ultimately failed to give him the complete satisfaction he was looking for...and he states that all of this is "vanity". Vanity in Hebrew (H1892) is *hab-ale'* and it means emptiness; unsatisfactory; transitory; temporary.

These things King Solomon did were temporary – they did not last; they did not fulfill him; they only gave temporary fulfillment... temporary contentment... temporary satisfaction... These things are not the ultimate goal of our existence or purpose... They do not and cannot ultimately fulfill us or satisfy us. God created us with these desires; yet we cannot completely fill them on our own.

While receiving theological training, I learned about some specific desires that we possess...

We want to be HEARD... Listen and agree with me... Pay attention to me... Be my audience... Comply with my wishes... Just nod your head, say yes... We have this need, to be HEARD, not only because we want people to hear us, but because we want

God to hear us. We want to call on His name and be HEARD... and we also want people to HEAR us, but we have a problem... We want to be HEARD but we do not want to listen.

And when our desire to be HEARD is not met... Then our voices are raised so that we can out shout each other... Some talk incessantly - never coming up for air - they hold an endless conversation - a monologue so that others cannot get a word in... And others get angry, and leave because they are not being HEARD. We have this desire to be HEARD but we have a problem... Talking so that others will listen and listening so that others will talk...

We want to be AFFIRMED... Acknowledge me... Confirm what I do... Validate who I am... Endorse my standing, my position, my occupation... We desire to shine as beacons of light in a dark world... God designed us to SHINE, to be AFFIRMED and we want to SHINE. We want acknowledgment for our achievement, gifts, service, merit, and success. But we have this tendency to AFFIRM ourselves by what we own, what we possess, and the positions we hold... The amount of money that we can RESOURCE becomes our shining... *Money* becomes our means to provide the way to the AFFIRMATIVE YES, because money can get us the THINGS to confirm who we are and we become materialistic and greedy...

We want to be PRAISED... Commend me... Applaud me... Compliment me... Respect me... Appreciate me... Honor me... We want people to express their approval... We want people to recognize us for who we are... *PRAISE* can be one of the most powerful ways to help us build our relationship with God while we are Seeking His Face. Not only do we PRAISE God, but He gives us His approval – God says to us... well done, good and faithful servant. Yet, we also love the praise of men... So we say or do things to draw attention to ourselves... We act grandiose; constantly boasting of this achievement or that accomplishment... We become aristocratic and elitist – forcing our own congratulations through self-importance, arrogance, and smugness... We become thoughtlessly narcissistic – full of self-

love and self-image, self-honor and EGO. And We Edge God
Out – because the tribute belongs to me: and the only way
to calm me down is to give me a compliment that will
further feed my EGO and Pride.

We want to be SAFE... No trouble... No harm... No danger... No threat... No loss... We want our life to be SAFE and SECURE. We want SAFE homes, SAFE travel, and SAFE neighborhoods, and SAFE workplaces. When we do not feel SAFE, we worry about things... We stress ourselves out... We worry in the daytime to the point where we cannot work; we worry at night to the point where we cannot sleep. We want to be SAFE, but we worry. We worry about what happened yesterday and what is happening today and what will happen tomorrow...

We want to be TOUCHED in healthy ways... Welcome me with a hug... Give me a "hope you feel better" tap... Shake my hand... Pat me on the back... Casually touch my arm or shoulder while talking to me... Our skin is our largest organ, and it is the most sensitive. Babies who are held and TOUCHED are more content and calm. The therapy of a warm healthy supportive **TOUCH** lowers blood pressure, and decreases anxiety... Yet, we don't usually TOUCH each other much, so we do not get the healthy TOUCH that we need and we become irritable people... Agitated children... Aggressive, hostile, and rebellious teenagers... Constantly on the warpath" adults... And if we experience any kind of unhealthy TOUCH, then we may not want to be TOUCHED, because touching is not SAFE. TOUCH was taken to an extreme... so we shut down, physically, mentally or emotionally... We deny our emotions... We forget what it feels like to actually feel... We become numb to pain...

We want to be in that ONE-AND-ONLY-ONE special relationship... I am the only one for you... You are the only one for me... I love you and you love me... To have and to hold; from this day forward; for better for worse; for richer for poor; in sickness and in health; to love and to cherish... We yearn for that special one-and-only one. Yet, if that yearning to be CHOSEN is

not fulfilled then we may fill that rejection with fantasies, and late night adult themes, or some other kind of "entertainment" to fill that void of rejection and loneliness. And we do it our way instead of God's way and end up in 'unhealthy' relationships.

We want to be INCLUDED IN FELLOWSHIP... Here I am... Don't overlook me... I'm part of this... I belong... We want to be INCLUDED and connected. We want to be drawn in as a participant with others. We want the companionship of FELLOWSHIP... With God... With others, and With that one-and-only-one special person... But We have this need to GROUP ourselves – to place ourselves into GROUPS that believe like I believe and do what I do and look like I look... I'm Jewish; I'm Moslem; I'm Christian... I'm Catholic; I'm Orthodox; I'm Protestant... I'm Baptist; I'm Lutheran; I'm Methodist... And we continue to further GROUP ourselves into GROUPS until we GROUP others out – and some of us keep on grouping others out until we are by ourselves and then in our loneliness we become overly critical of everyone...

We have these desires and we can't satisfy them, so we feel incomplete—we are not whole. The desires of the heart are impossible to fulfill on our own...

Sometimes what we are searching for is hidden in the very words that we use. In the last few years I've learned to like and value Etymology. *Etymology* is the study of the history of words — when they entered a language, from what source, and how their form and meaning have changed over time.

When you look up the word 'desire' and follow it to its source you will find that it is derived from *de* & *sire*. *De* is a variant for *Dee* which is a modification for *Sup*. The definition of the word *Sup* is to DRINK; to SWALLOW; to CONSUME. So the first syllable of the Word desire – *de* – means to *drink*.

The second syllable (**de & sire**) is **Sire**; and the definition of **Sire** is the FATHER; the LORD; the MASTER; the SOURCE; the

ORIGIN... So the etymological meaning of *desire* is to "*drink the Master*".

"Delight yourself in the LORD and He shall give you the 'drink of the Master' that is needed for your soul – your inner man, your mind, your will...your heart"

Many Scriptures decree this need to 'drink the Master':

Psalms 42:2 KJV My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

Psalms 34:8 KJV O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Jesus said...

Matthew 5:6 CJB – "How blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness! For they will be filled."

John 6:35 ESV - Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

John 7:37-39 ESV – (37) On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. (38) Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." (39) Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Let's take this desire – this need to 'drink the Master' a step further... To drink means to **CONSUME.** When you follow the history of the word *consume* it refers you to the word **REDEEM** So, when we 'drink the Master' redemption comes... God himself

has taken us back from the enemy... He has paid the price – the ransom for our liberation. He has redeemed us from the curse of the law... The lien that was on our lives has been cancelled out. We have been rescued, delivered and set free – WE are SAVED.

John 8:32 KJV And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:36 KJV If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Delight yourself in the LORD and He shall give you the 'drink of the Master' that is needed for your soul. Our desire – our true desire – is to 'drink the Master'... We drink of Jesus Christ and we are marked with His Seal of Salvation. God **HEARS** the our cries of His children and He answers. We have the Holy Spirit of God flowing in us and through us... NOT because of who we are... Or who we know... Or how righteous we think we are... Or what preacher we listen to... Or what church we attend...

We are confirmed and **AFFIRMED** by God... because we believe in Jesus... We repent of our sins... We confess Him as our Lord and Savior. We are baptized for the forgiveness of sins. We are reconciled back to God our Father and heaven rejoices in **PRAISE** because we are redeemed. The Holy Spirit connects us to God; we are **SAFE** in Him. The Holy Spirit **TOUCHES** God's thoughts and our thoughts -- we have the mind of Christ... We have the eternal **TOUCH of YES** that we need. We have that ultimate **chosen ONE-ON-ONE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP.** We have **FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD** - because we are tapped into God, by the Blood of Jesus through the Holy Spirit and according to God's Word. **The richest and most famous people in the world don't have what we have.**

Whether we realize it or not our souls are thirsting for God. **Every desire,** every aspiration, every longing of our nature is

nothing less than a yearning for God. **We were born for His love** and we cannot live without it. **God is the joy** that we have been searching all our lives. Everything that we desire is found in Him-and infinitely more.

Here is the final conclusion, now that you have heard everything: Seek your happiness in the LORD, And God will give you the desires of your heart—your own **personal drink of the Master** – the Son of God, Jesus Christ... this is what we were created for – this is what it is all about... our true desires...

His name is **Jesus**.

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John 14:6 KJV Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

By the *Blood* of Jesus... Through the Holy Spirit and... According to God's Word...