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THE DESIRES OF YOUR HEART

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Everyone has desires. I believe we were wired with desire as part of God's plan to be able to desire a relationship with Him. When a man and a woman meet what most often leads them to develop a relationship is a desire to know one another. We desire success in life, to accomplish goals, and for a long, healthy life. The word desire most often means to express a wish to obtain. It can also mean a longing or craving for something that result in satisfaction or enjoyment.

*"Trust in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.
Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:3-5 (NKJV)*



This reads like a recipe to me for how to achieve the result of obtaining the desires of your heart. However, when you look closely at the word of God in this passage it is laying out exactly how your state of mind must operate for God to fulfill this. Catch these words, 'trust,' 'do good,' 'dwell,' 'feed,' and 'delight.' When we have an unfulfilled desire that has not been met, we must maintain a trust in the Lord in that area. During the wait period we must be willing to do the right thing though tempted to shortcut. Our mind must be prepared to remain where we are (dwell in the land) until the desire is met and not rush ahead of God by changing our position wherein we think it will expedite reaching our desire. God also requires us to remain nourished on His faithfulness. Maintaining our awareness that God is dependable, reliable and committed to keep His word is essential healthy thinking as we wait on God to fulfill our desire. We cannot allow our desire to be our greater delight, so it is important that we find delight in the Lord prior to the desire of our heart being given. If it's the other way around then we worship the desire more than our God.

Ultimately, the real deal is our love, trust, faith, hope and delight in God should not be contingent on our desires, position in life, or our ambitions. The matter God intends to clarify in our heart is if we love Him above everything. If our desires are so important that we are willing to sin for achieving it then we are not ready for God to give us that desire. No desire we have should control our relationship with God. Our heart is purged by God through this process in the above scripture such that when God gives us the desire of our heart, we know that our love for Him remains greater than anything else we long for in life. Bottom line, our desire for God must remain the center of our heart and all other desires should be peripheral. Our God should not compete with our desires. If we do not have it yet, then perhaps it's not in the right order in our heart. Lord, help us to desire You above all our desires!

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