

Kingdom of God part 7 handout

Developing Kingdom Desires

1. God made us to desire.

A. Desire is the Kingdom mechanism for motivation.

Desire is what motivates us to pray. If you

B. Example:

C. Not knowing what you desire is the root cause of prayerlessness. Desire is the key to prayer motivation. **Mark 11:23-24 (NKJV)**

D. Sometimes we are ashamed of our desires because maybe they're fleshly, so we try to find "good desires", you know, un-fleshly desires, but what if we can't connect with them? We have a hard time trying to desire what we really don't really desire.

E. Why don't we pray? We don't want anything. We don't desire, so we don't pray.

F. It involves every area of our life. Not knowing what you desire is the reason you aren't growing.

G. Not knowing what you desire in a better job is the reason you haven't been looking for one.

H. Not knowing what you desire to do for a business is why you've never started a business.

I. Not knowing what you desire for serving in ministry is why you're not involved in ministry.

J. Not knowing what you desire for friends is why you aren't making new friendships.

K. Not knowing what you desire for a wife or husband is why you haven't found one.

L. Sometimes when we aren't noticing, God puts desires in our heart that we're completely unaware of. **Psalms 16:5-11 (NKJV)**

M. We try to separate the spiritual from the physical not realizing they actually come together when we put God first in our lives.

N. God given desires for a better life come with a mission to motivate us to live for and with Him. His blessings encompass every area of life but we have to stretch to receive them. Notice "my flesh will rest in hope." **1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NKJV)**

O. Jesus didn't come to just bring spiritual life benefits. He came to bring all encompassing body, soul and spirit, abundant life, benefits.

P. Jesus never scolded anyone for desiring an abundantly blessed life. On the contrary, He offers us abundant life in every way now and for eternity.

Q. So why do we feel guilty wanting things that God wants us to have? We're not convinced God wants to bless us. We're ignorant of God's method of motivation.

R. There's no hope with obligation, there is no real passion in obligational prayer. It's the fired up passionately desired prayer that avails much.

James 5:13-16 (NKJV) Obligation does not lead into righteousness, healing, provision, growth, development. **John 10:10 (NKJV)**

Abundant - super abundant in quantity and quality. Superior, excessive, beyond measure, more abundantly, superfluous, vehement. There it is vehement - desirable

L. Not knowing what you desire for a hobby or pleasure is why you have no hobbies or have fun doing things.

M. Not knowing what you desire to learn, read or improve is why you aren't learning, reading, or improving.

N. Not knowing what you desire to write about is why you haven't written any books.

2. Desire is the kingdom fuel or fire of motivation.

A. Desire first mentioned in Ge.3

Genesis 3:16 (NKJV)

Desire - stretching out after. Desires are intended to make us stretch out after the right things.

B. God likes fulfilling the desires of those who fear Him and call upon Him in truth. **Psalm 145:18-19 (NKJV)**

C. Growth in wisdom generates growth in desires. Why? Because wisdom is the ability to apply knowledge - we see things we can do that we couldn't and then desire to do them. **Proverbs 3:13-18 (NKJV)**

D. God wants to share your desires when you are in right standing with Him. God grants the desires of the righteous - those in right standing with God. **Proverbs 10:24 (NKJV)**

E. The righteous are motivated by desire, the wicked are motivated by fear and obligation.

F. The righteous have to put away fear because it's the motivation of the wicked.

G. Fear also tells you not to desire, because you'll only be disappointed. **Matthew 25:24-29 (NKJV)**

H. The enemy uses fears to distract you from your God given desires. God gives desires to distract you from your fears.

I. He thought his master didn't have good intentions when it came to his desire to invest his talent. Some of us have that same critical attitude towards God.

J. The Master called him a wicked, lazy and unprofitable servant. What does unprofitable have in common with wicked and lazy?

K. Fear has robbed many of any reason to be motivated.

L. Complacent people are people empty of desire.

M. The suffering of Christ through the crucifixion process demonstrates the power of desire that led Jesus through all of the pain and agony is known known as the passion - not the obligation

3. We have to identify and cultivate God given desires.

A. True repentance rejuvenates vehement desires. **2 Corinthians 7:9-11 (NKJV)**

B. Don't let pride hide your God given desires. Humility attracts Godly desires. God hears the desires of the humble and prepares their hearts. **Psalm 10:17 (NKJV)**

C. To desire to have an attractive appearance isn't necessarily a prideful desire. It can be a godly desire to want to look the best to represent the One who created you.

D. God releases life to us through desires that He helps us fulfill. **Proverbs 13:12 (NKJV)**

E. We produce fruit when we fulfill our God given desires. Desires give us hope to stretch forth towards the things we that we desire.

F. We must also prioritize our desires. We must put God first when it comes to desires - to please Him.

G. What desires benefit God most? Worshipping, serving and communing with him. Ask Him for Godly desires if you don't have them.

H. What desires benefit others most? Ask God to give you the desire to serve and love others.

I. What desires rightly benefit me most? Ask God to give you the right desires that will motivate you to love yourself, invest in yourself and keep growing.

J. Spend time delighting in the lord so that God given desires can be seeded and cultivated into your heart. Desires are born in the place we dwell.