

Desire the Kingdom Qualifier handout

1. God has a history of choosing passionate leaders. Not nice ones.

A. What do King David, Apostle Peter and Apostle Paul have in common? They were men of misplaced passion and desire.

B. They could be impulsive abrupt and extreme

C. Desire is a burning passion for more.

D. Moses was a murderer, he killed an Egyptian that was abusing Jewish slaves.

E. We think God takes the nice guys and gives them passion but that's not what he does.

F. The devil loves to make men nice.

G. A nice Christian is no threat to the political swamp that needs to be drained. Never let "nice" be the litmus test for one being a Christian.

H. Nice Christians dutifully go to work, pay their bills, bite their tongues, cut the grass. They stay out of trouble.

I. They're not experiencing satisfied desires. They are avoiding trouble, disapproval and dislike.

2. Blessing is not possible without restoring and cultivating desire. Matthew 5:6

A. Trying to live right without really wanting to, is fruitless and unfulfilling.

B. Praying for God's help to do something we think we should but don't really want is how we deceive our own heart and disconnect ourselves from the very inner power to do it.

C. Jesus said blessed is the person who desires righteousness because desire is the key to fulfillment.

D. We struggle with things we know we shouldn't want and instead of asking God for God given desires, we ask Him to change our behavior, not the very desires that lead to bad behavior.

E. We're in denial of the realities of our own heart. Maybe we have accepted lower level desires that can never give us true happiness and fulfillment.

F. Ungodly desires Instead, either relieve our stress or distract us from the pain of our woundedness.

G. We're like children enjoying making mud patties in a slum, when our Heavenly Father wants to take us on a cruise, or exotic journey.

H. We don't see that the problem is about replaced or misplaced desires.

I. I remember when Denise and I had our first experience with healthy family relationships.

J. Until we experienced those desires, we never had a desire for it.

K. I was exhilarated by the hope that we could have that with our family.

L. The lack of fulfillment in marriage made me want to end it.

M. Marriages without conflict become boring and managed. A happy marriage is the marriage that wants more.

N. What does your marriage next, look like? What's next to improve, invest and develop in it?

O. He was really mocking all his wife was seeking to offer him.

P. Clean sox can never satisfy the soul of a man!

Q. We no longer hunger and thirst for better things in our life and our behavior, and then we wonder why blessing evades us. Isa.55:1

R. Like a wife, but even more so, God wants to be desired. He.10:31 He 12:29

S. So, what is this consuming fire? His jealous love. De.4:24 He.12:2

3. We cannot hope to live like Him without a similar depth of passion.

A. Many people find that the dilemma of desire is too much to live with, so they abandon, they disown their desire. This is certainly true of most Christians at present.

B. Routine has replaced adventure.

C. A man was once asked in counseling "Why are you a Christian?"

D. The counselor asked "is there anything that you're hoping to enjoy as a result of your faith?"

E. Men like horses, can be geldings or stallions.

F. Prayer is the language of desire, not just a format we follow. He.5:7

G. This doesn't sound like the typical prayers you might hear on a Sunday morning?

H. The prayers in the Bible and in Psalms were more like ranting and raving, the passion and ecstasy.

I. Desire gives fervor to prayer.

J. There can be no genuine happiness and fulfillment without the entertainment and distraction godly desires bring.

K. God uses thirst to draw us unto Him.