

Dealing with Desire

Choose Life Series (CL-03)

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- James 1:14–15

Contempt and Disgrace

- Proverbs 18:3 (NLT) — 3 Doing wrong leads to disgrace, and scandalous behavior brings the feeling that a person is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving scorn

Dealing with Desires (God given)

The Big Three – the Girls, the Gold, and the Glory

- Sex Drive
 - Procreation
 - Intimacy between husband and wife
 - Becoming one with
- Obtain Wealth
 - God-given ability
 - Prosper - All sufficiency and an abundance for every good work
 - Opportunity for generosity on every occasion
- Power
 - Influence/impact
 - Go preach the gospel, make disciples
 - Always ready to share the reason of the hope you have – if someone asks

The Battle - Galatians 5:16-25

- Sinful nature wants to do evil – fleeting pleasures of sin
- Sinful nature and Spirit are in constant conflict
- Very clear results of following the desires of your sinful nature
- Living that sort of life – not inherit the Kingdom of God –
 - the lifestyle of people who habitually exhibit these characteristics
 - Enslaved to sinful human desires
- Life under the influence of God's Spirit.
- Those who belong to Christ
 - Nailed passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross
 - Follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives

Death of Contempt when engaging in desires of the sinful nature

- Sex – outside of the God-given parameters of a man and a woman who are married
- Wealth – Ill-gotten gains and mismanagement
- Power – fame, influencer, control, compromise to tickle itching ears

Sex outside the boundaries

- Becoming one with - 1 Corinthians 6:16
- 1 Corinthians 6:13 ...But you can't say that our bodies were made for sexual immorality.
- 1 Corinthians 6:18 - No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does.

Wealth by ill gotten gains

- Proverbs 10:2 Ill-gotten gains do not profit, But righteousness delivers from death.
- Proverbs 10:4 Lazy people are soon poor; hard workers get rich.
- Ephesians 4:28 If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need.

The Glory

- James 4:10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.
- 1 Peter 5:5-6 ...God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.
- Philippians 2:8-9 – Jesus humbled himself...therefore God elevated him to a place of highest honor

Endure/Escape

- 1 Corinthians 10:13 ... And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out (NASB- provide the way of escape) so that you can endure.
- Ask - 2 Samuel 12:8–9 ...And if that had not been enough, I would have given you much, much more.
- James 4:1–4 ... Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. 3 And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong