



# Living in God's Promises: Possessing and Occupying Our Inheritance

## Session 10: Stir Up Your Desire

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### I. Introduction and Review

#### A. 2 Peter 1:2-4

**NKJV** "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust."

**PASTOR'S NOTE:** *We have covered much territory in every session of this series. We can summarize this series into three categories: 1. Understanding our inheritance; 2. Taking possession of what is available in our inheritance; and 3. Occupying in the things we have received.*

#### B. Today's session is a bonus session. We are dealing with "stirring up your desire."

1. The issue for many people is their level of desire for the things of God!
2. Anything that we receive from the Lord must begin with a desire.
  - a. You had to *desire* to be saved!
  - b. You had to *desire* to be baptized in the Holy Spirit.
  - c. You must *desire* to be healed, delivered, and free.
3. The level with which you desire to receive has much to do with the level by which you will receive.
  - a. To receive more, you must *desire* more.
  - b. To go further in spiritual things, you must *desire* to go further in spiritual things.
  - c. To grow, you must *desire* to grow.
4. Raise the level of your desire, and you will go further!



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### II. The Significance of Desire

#### A. Scriptures

##### 1. Psalm 37:3-4

**NKJV** “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.”

**AMPC** “Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He will give you the desires *and* secret petitions of your heart.”

**PASTOR'S NOTE:** *The Lord gives us the desires of our heart. BUT what if you DO NOT HAVE any desires, OR what if your desires are only for this world's things with NO desire for HIS things?*

- a. Notice: The Lord is looking for someone whose delight is in Him.
- b. If your delight is in Him—you desire Him, you desire His ways, you desire to know Him more—He will GRANT THOSE DESIRES.
- c. But for the person who has found no delight in Him, they have no desires for Him to fulfill.

##### 2. Mark 11:24

**KJV** “Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”

##### 3. Psalm 21:1-4

**NKJV** “The king shall have joy in Your strength, O Lord; And in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice! You have given him his heart's desire, And have not withheld the request of his lips. *Selah.* For You meet him with the blessings of goodness; You set a crown of pure gold upon his head. **He asked** life from You, *and* You gave *it* to him—Length of days forever and ever.”

##### 4. Proverbs 10:24

**KJV** “The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him, but the desire of the righteous shall be granted.”



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**PASTOR'S NOTE:** *Desire is extremely important in regard to receiving the promises of God. You can read the promises over and over, but if you do not desire for them to be active in your life, you will never have them.*

*Watch out for people, circumstances, and any voice that causes your desire to lessen. God will always lead you into MORE DESIRE for HIM and for HIS PROMISES!*

#### B. Get Your Desire Up

##### 1. Psalm 107:5

**NKJV** "For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness."

**AMP** "For He satisfies the parched throat, And fills the hungry appetite with what is good."

- Do you have an appetite? For spiritual things? For more? To go further?
- You will never proceed any further than your appetite.
- Be hungry! Hungry people show up at the table—they eat!

##### 2. Spiritual desire/hunger can be lost over time.

- Spiritual desire is lost when we give too much attention to other things.
  - **1 John 2:16**  
**NKJV** "For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world."
  - **Mark 4:19**  
**NKJV** "And the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful."

**PASTOR'S NOTE:** *The Word is sent to stir up your desire. When you meditate on God, you desire Him. When you meditate on the promises, you desire them. When you meditate on healing, you desire healing. When you mediate on freedom, you desire freedom. The Word is designed to stir up your desire for whatever it says is yours.*



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- b. Many have allowed the DESIRE FOR OTHER THINGS to drive out their passion for the things of God. Their passion for God has been replaced by a desire and passion for other things.
- c. **SET A GUARD** (be watchful) that this doesn't happen to you.

#### 3. Why do people suddenly stop doing spiritual things?

- a. Why do people stop coming to church? Their desire changed.
- b. Why do people stop spending time in the Word? Their desire changed.
- c. Why do people stop serving and participating in the local church ministries? Their desire changed to do other things.
- d. Why do people stop sowing and tithing? They desire the money for other things.

**PASTOR'S NOTE:** *If this raises a RED FLAG to you, pay attention. It is a warning that you are being set up to be robbed of the inheritance and the promises of God.*

#### 4. Do you want to be well?

##### a. John 5:1-9

**NKJV** "After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had. Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been *in that condition* a long time, He said to him, '**Do you want to be made well?**' The sick man answered Him, 'Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.' Jesus said to him, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk.' And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked."



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**AMPC** “When Jesus noticed him lying there [helpless], knowing that he had already been a long time in that condition, He said to him, ‘Do you want to become well? [Are you really in earnest about getting well?].’”

**PASTOR’S NOTE:** *The man had stopped trying! The man had given up. The man was satisfied to stay in the condition he had been in for 38 years. Jesus needed to STIR HIS DESIRE!*

*Are you content? Are you satisfied to stay as you are? Have you given up?*

*Dealing with long-term conditions can be dangerous. A person’s desire can decrease, fade, and depart. We must never allow our desire for what God says is ours to fade! Meditating in the promises keeps my desire ALIVE!*

**5. Whet your appetite.** *Note: This word is often misheard as “wet” vs. “whet”.*

- a. The word WHET means to sharpen a blade with a whetstone—SHARPEN.
- b. To whet your appetite means to sharpen your appetite, to stimulate desire.
- c. The phrase can be used literally to describe making someone hungry for food, like serving appetizers to prepare for a larger meal.
- d. It is commonly used to describe increasing someone’s interest or desire for something beyond food, such as a new hobby or something else.
- e. To entice with a small taste.

**PASTOR’S NOTE:** *If you have lost your desire for the things of God or for His provision (as in the promises), you might just need a taste. A SMALL TASTE CAN REKINDLE YOUR APPETITE!*

***This is why:*** *You show up for church when you don’t feel like it—you will get a taste. You read and meditate in the Word when you don’t feel like it. You do what you know to do, although you really don’t desire it. In doing so, you will whet your appetite—you will get your desire back.*



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#### 6. Surround yourself with voices that stimulate desire rather than kill it!

- a. The children of Israel desired to go into the promised land until 10 of the 12 spies returned with an evil report.
- b. The negativity of the 10 spread throughout the congregation until no one had the desire to have what God said was theirs.
- c. These 12 spies were **leaders**.
  - *Spiritual leaders are supposed to create hunger and desire.*
  - *Spiritual leaders are supposed to motivate you to take what God says is yours.*
  - *Spiritual leaders are never to stifle hunger or destroy faith!*
  - *Make sure **your** leader is building your desire—stirring your desire—and building your faith to have what God says is yours!*
  - *Make sure he / she has the spirit of Joshua and Caleb vs. the spirit of the other 10 spies.*

**PASTOR'S NOTE:** *85% of these leaders brought the wrong report, wrong spirit, and wrong results. If your minister is preaching a faith that goes beyond 80% of other leaders, they are in good company according to these statistics.*