

A Desire to Please God

Text: Colossians 1:9-18

1. Desire -- To wish or long for; want; a hunger to please; take pleasure in, delight in
2. A desire is a want to or a get to, not a have to.
3. It should be our desire to please God daily in our lives.
4. *“The moment I realized that God existed, I knew I could not do otherwise than to live for Him alone.” Charles de Foucauld in The Wisdom of the Saints.*
5. *“The core problem is not that we are too passionate about bad things, but that we are not passionate enough about good things. “ -- Larry Crabb. Leadership, Vol. 15, no. 2.*
6. This morning we will look at some things that will help us in **our desire to please God**.

I. A *Desire* to be **filled with the knowledge of His will** (v9)

- a. (Psalms 119:66; Proverbs 1:7, 2:3-5)
- b. In all wisdom (Proverbs 2:6)
- c. In all spiritual understanding (1 Timothy 2:1-6)

II. A *Desire* to **walk worthy of the Lord** (v10)

- a. (Hebrews 13:20-21)
- b. Unto all pleasing in our walk
- c. Fruitful in every good work (2 Timothy 2:19-21)
- d. Increasing in the knowledge of God (2 Peter 3:18)

III. A *Desire* to be **strengthened with all His might** (v11)

- a. (Romans 8:31; Philippians 4:13)
- b. According to His glorious power we are strengthened daily
 - i. Unto all patience (Luke 8:15)
 - ii. Unto all longsuffering with joyfulness

IV. A *Desire* to **show gratitude towards God** (v12)

- a. (2 Corinthians 2:9-15; Colossians 2:7, 4:2)

- b. For our share of the inheritance with the saints of light (**Ephesians 2:11-13**)
- c. In delivering us from the power of darkness (**Acts 26:18; Colossians 1:13**)
- d. In delivering us into The Kingdom of Jesus Christ (**Colossians 1:13**)
- e. In the redemption through His blood (**Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14; Hebrews 9:12**)
- f. In the forgiveness of our sins (**Acts 2:38**)

Conclusion:

1. With our desires in their proper place we can please God by:
 - a. Being filled with the knowledge of His Will
 - i. Not my will, but thy will be done
 - b. Walking worthy of the Lord
 - i. “...*I am the way..*” (**John 14:6**)
 - c. Being strengthened by His might
 - i. *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me* (**Philippians 4:13**)
 - d. Thanking Him for what He has done
 - i. “...*And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth forever...*” (**Ezra 3:11**)
2. It should be our desire as the Psalmist **Psalms 23:25**, “*Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.*”
3. Therefore the question is: “*Spiritually speaking, what is your desire today?*”