



The Desire of the Holy Spirit

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“We will be troubled by spirits of familiarity and religious spirits, but we will be assured and secured by the Spirit of Almighty God!” Pastor Sherry Gregory

Definitions:

Desire: 1) An emotion or excitement of the mind directed to the attainment or possession of an object from which pleasure spiritual, intellectual or sensual is expected; a passion excited by the love of an object, person, place or thing, or uneasiness at the want of it, and directed to its attainment or possession. Desire is a wish to possess some gratification or source of happiness which is supposed to be obtainable. Appetite, longing.

2) To express a wish to obtain, to ask, to request, to petition.

Delight: To affect with great pleasure, to please highly, to give or afford high satisfaction or joy, to cause rejoicing.

If we focus on the desires that God puts in our hearts, things that are good for us, and those around us, results start happening that bring us closer to attaining those hopes and dreams. When a child is encouraged that they can attain something, in sports, in school, in relationships, they will go ahead and put their all into attaining that goal, and most often they will succeed. But if they are never encouraged, stretched, pushed to attain their potential, then they will never

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realize that they can attain their dreams. Only when we press toward those things that we desire, will we attain them. If we do not think that it is possible to attain a desired outcome, we won't try; there would be no motivation to try. But if we think it is possible to attain something, we will do whatever it takes; there is motivation, to attain that thing, that goal. This is the nature of the human being. This is something that God put on the inside of us so that we would not remain stagnant, this is the drive that causes us to attain great things regardless of what someone else thinks of us, or what the statistics say.

*****What are you made of? What dominates you as a person?*

The eternal Spirit that overcomes and lives? The Spirit that gives and creates and nurtures life?

or

The flesh which is temporal and wants to die and decay? The flesh that desires to cause havoc and stress and discord?

Don't you desire to fill that empty place in your life that seems to never get satisfied? That spot can only be filled by the one who created us. That space on the inside of us that needs and desires peace, tranquility, truth, life and light, excitement and adventure is there because we are made after the image of the Heavenly Father Who is all those things, who created all things and by Whom all things were created and came into existence. We all want to have peace, satisfaction, fulfillment, comfort, rest, serenity. Why does a vacation at a resort appeal to us? Why does success in accomplishments and seeing a good result from our efforts appeal to us? Why? Because we are of the Spirit.

What is Holy Spirit of God's desire for us?

- A. That we experience Liberty. Liberty: Freedom from restraint, a state of exemption from control. Privilege, immunity enjoyed by prescription or by grant.
 1. Isaiah 61:1 *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because the Lord has anointed and qualified me to preach the Gospel of good tidings to the meek, the poor, and afflicted; He has sent me to bind up and heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the physical and spiritual captives(Luke 4:18-21)...*
 2. James 1:25 *But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the law of liberty and is faithful to it ...*
 3. Romans 8:1-15 *For the law of the Spirit of Life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new being] has freed me from the law of sin and of death,*
 4. ****John 3:18 *He who believes in Him [who clings to, trusts in, relies on, Him never comes up for judgment...*
 5. John 8:32 *If you continue in my Word then you are my disciples indeed, and you shall know the truth and the truth will make you free.*
- B. Love: That we understand fully and mature into perfected love.
 - I John 4:12, I Thes 3:12-13.
 1. That we understand WHO LOVE IS. I John 4:8, I John 3:1
 2. That we know the Power of Love. I John 4:18, Ro 5:5,
 3. That we understand His love for us. Jeremiah 31: 3, Ro 8:35, Eph 3:17, Eph 4: 15, John 3:16,
 4. That we love Him. Deut 6:5, Mt 22:37,
 5. That we love one another. Lev. 19:18, Mt 19:19, Col 2:2,

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6. That we love our enemies. Mt 5:44,
- C. That we understand our purpose and calling on the earth.
 1. Jeremiah 29:11 He has plans for us that consist of goodness and a future. Psalm 139 He formed us for a purpose, and He knows us better than we know ourselves, He knows what will bring us GREAT JOY! **Ro 11:29 For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable!
- D. That we experience fullness of fellowship with God; the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
 1. We experience his glory, his presence, he talks with us, and we with Him. I John 4:17, John 17: 24,
 2. The ability to do all that Jesus taught and did while He was on the earth. John 14:12&26, Mt 28: 18-20, Colossians 2:9-10, I Corinthians 14:1,
 3. The ability to pray in the Spirit, even things that we do not understand, thus obtaining wisdom for ourselves and others through our praying, and the ability to obtain the interpretation of the things we pray for (the personal prayer language), and the things the Holy Spirit gives us utterance to speak out in public (the ministry gift)! I Corinthians 6:17, 14:12-18, James 1: 5, Jude 1:20, John 14:26, Acts 1:8, Acts 2:38,
 4. To know all things. I Corinthians 2: 9-13 (vs 4, 13) Ephesians 1:9-10 *Making known to us the mystery (secret) of His will (of His plan, of His purpose). [And it is this:] In accordance with His good pleasure (His merciful intention) which He had previously purposed and set forth in Him. [He planned] for the maturity of the times and the climax of the ages to unify all things and head them up and consummate them in Christ, [both] things in heaven and things on the earth. In Him we also were made [God's] heritage (portion) and we obtained an inheritance; for we had been foreordained (chosen and appointed beforehand) in accordance with His purpose, Who works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His [own] will. vs 13, In Him you also who have heard the Word of Truth, the glad tidings (Gospel) of your salvation, and have believed in and adhered to and relied on Him, were stamped with the seal of the long-promised Holy Spirit. Eph 6:19, Col 1: 26, *Mark 4:11(-14)*
 5. To be known by God. I Corinthians 8: 2-3, John 13:8, John 10:14, Luke 5:8 *Mt 7:26.
 6. To possess and to give new abundant life: many Sons (Huios) Genesis 1: 2b *The Spirit of God was moving (hovering, brooding) over the face of the waters. John 1: 12 But as to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the authority, power, privilege and right to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, rely on) His name. Luke 3:21-22 How then all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized, and [while He was still] praying, the [visible] heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven saying You are My Son, My Beloved! In You I am well pleased and find delight! *Delight and desire are the same word. Refer to the definitions.*
 7. Those who are willing and eager to follow after life.
 - a) Ro 8:5b . . .but those who are according to the Spirit and are controlled by the desires of the Holy Spirit are dictated by the desires of the Spirit set their minds on and seek those things which gratify the [Holy] Spirit.
 - b) 2 Co 5:14 *For the love of Christ controls and urges and impels us, because we are of the opinion and conviction that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all so that all those who live might live no longer to and for themselves, but to and for Him Who died and was raised again for their sake.*

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- c) 2 Co 3: 3-6 *You show and make obvious that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, not written with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts-vs 6....*
8. Purity of heart, a desire to be directed and controlled by Him. Life and soul peace for his people.
1. Ro 8:6b. . .*But the mind of the [Holy] Spirit is life and [soul] peace [both now and forever]. vs 8 But you are not living the life of the flesh, you are living the life of the Spirit, if the Holy Spirit of God really dwells within you [directs and controls you]. vs 10 But if Christ lives in you, then although your natural body is dead by reason of sin and guilt, the Spirit is alive because of the righteousness [that he imputes to you].*
 2. Psalm 51:6, 10-17 *Behold, You desire truth in the inner being; make me therefore to know wisdom in my inmost heart...Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right, persevering, and steadfast spirit within me ... Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit...For You delight not in sacrifice, or else I would give it; You find no pleasure in burnt offering. My sacrifice [the sacrifice acceptable] to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart [broken down with sorrow for sin and humbly and thoroughly penitent], such, O God, You will not despise.*
 3. Mt 5:8 *Blessed (happy, enviably fortunate, and spiritually prosperous – possessing the happiness produced by the experience of God’s favor and especially conditioned by the revelation of His grace, regardless of their outward conditions) are the pure at heart, for they shall see God!*

So it is with the desire that God’s Holy Spirit has for you in your everyday life. When Jesus went up on the mount of transfiguration, He was giving his closest disciples an example of what their prayer life should be on a daily basis. If we had this kind of fellowship daily with the Lord, we wouldn’t have to try to build a shrine every time we encountered it, we would have an innate and ultimate respect and honor that would be coming from the inside of us, because we would be IN LOVE with our Father, our Savior, our Friend, our Comforter. The Lord desires for us to be intimately aware and in fellowship with Him daily. THAT is the DESIRE of the Holy Spirit for us! RED HOT, GENUINE, LOVELY FELLOWSHIP with HIM! This brings great joy to you, to me and most of all to HIM!

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