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Dear friend, my prayer is that your heart will be ablaze with the dreams, desires, and plans of God!

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Turning Desires into Reality

The “secret of desire” is truly an extensive subject throughout the Bible. We could spend much more time on various aspects, but I want to quickly give you several keys that will help you align your desires and life with God’s plan:

1. A deep desire to know God.
2. A depth of understanding the Scriptures.
3. A deep prayer life.
4. A desire to serve God.
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This study will help you discover a powerful secret for success. It will help you step into a dimension where the desires and plans of your heart can become rightly aligned with God’s desires. In John 5:19 Jesus said, “The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do.” In verse 30 He said, “I can of mine own self do nothing; as I hear, I judge.” Young Christians tend to think that every idea and desire they have is subject to God’s approval. But like Christ, we must learn to distinguish between what the Father wants and what “we” want. When we do, we are promised extraordinary results! John 15:7 says, “If you abide in me and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will and it shall be done unto you.”

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In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus emphasized the need to plant the seed of God’s Word in our hearts. Mark 4:14 clearly says, “Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.” More than any other type of seed, God’s Word has supernatural power to produce wonderful benefits and blessings in your life. There are many benefits that God’s Word has (which would be a wonderful study of its own) – and one of them is to help align your heart’s desires with God’s will. Another benefit is that God’s Word has a healing and therapeutic effect in your mind and emotions. Ephesians 5:26-27 says that God’s Word will wash (cleanse and heal) every spot and wrinkle (in other words, those areas that are damaged or stained in your emotions). God wants you to be free to pursue His plan without being hindered by past wounds, hurts, and painful memories.

The secret described in the Parable of the Sower has profound implications when you really understand it. Jesus taught relatively uneducated people by today’s standards by using the “seed principle” in relation to our thought life. For one thing, it means that if someone is not happy with their life right now, then they can use this secret to their advantage. Anyone can radically improve their future expectations by changing the kind of seeds they start planting now. If they will start planting God’s Word now, then a future crop of God’s blessings will eventually overtake their current problems. God’s Word is the most powerful type of seed that you can plant. Unfortunately, the secret that Jesus taught in the Parable of the Sower is something that the majority of people don’t want to hear. Even Jesus said that this “mystery” required the inspiration of God to fully grasp (Mk 4:11-13). Most people go through life assuming that they can watch any movie, listen to any music, entertain any thought, and then somehow get a good crop in the future. That’s just as ridiculous as a farmer who thinks that he can plant weeds and get a harvest of delicious apples! It doesn’t work that way in the natural realm and it doesn’t work that way in the spiritual realm either.

Throughout the Bible you will find this “inside/outside” connection. The seeds on the “inside” will determine the results you get on the “outside.” You can see the same idea when Jesus taught on abiding in the vine. John 15:7 says, “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will and it shall be done unto you.” As we pointed out earlier, Jesus promises amazing results (answered prayers on the “outside”) when we truly abide in Him (on the “inside”). Wouldn’t you like to experience more of “whatever you ask shall be done unto you?” Wouldn’t you like to have the desires of your heart more aligned with the Father’s will? The invitation of John 15:7 is still open to us today.

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Let me give you an example from my own life that took place many years ago in the Philippines. This story perfectly illustrates how our own desires at times must go through a process of being rightly aligned with God’s desires. On this particular trip, I was scheduled to spend a couple of weeks in the Philippines for crusades and leadership conferences. I always loved going to the Philippines because I found great receptivity to the gospel there. I think part of the reason for this is how the United States helped the Filipino people during World War II. There was a whole generation of people in the Philippines who had first-hand knowledge of that era – and they seemed to show great respect for Americans. How different it is today for our missionaries around the world! Anyway, while on this trip, I met a missionary couple named Jon and Joan. They had been very successful in their ministry. Little did I realize how this unplanned encounter would alter the rest of my life and ministry.

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