

## Finding the Desire of Your Heart

The desires of our hearts come from two sources: the Spirit and our own natural drives. God placed a unique, particular desire of His making in our individual hearts, which is unchanging. This blessing has the power to motivate and shape our perception of who we are in this material world, as well as reveal aspects of the eternity to which we are headed. Often, regrettably, our histories, environment, theology, thinking, practices, etc., do not acknowledge, nor cultivate, this very real and deep desire – a calling – exclusively imprinted on our soul by God's good pleasure (Psalm 37.3-5).

### I. We are made in His image and likeness: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Gen 1.27)

- Our hearts desire was placed there by God. (Rom 1.20)
- Desire is both present and future oriented.
- God alone satisfies our longings, because they come from Him. (Psalm 104.30)
- We aspire to what we believe to be true.
- A heart's desire is like treasure...

*Q: What do you really want in the life you are living?*

*What may we learn about God from our own deepest desires?*

*How is our understanding of God's implanted blessing of desire relevant to this life?*

### II. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matt. 6.21)

- We desire too little, rather than too much. (Rom 12.2)
- True desire attracts us to the truth.
- We are made to live life from a core of desire. (Rom 8.11)
- Real desire expands our heart's capacity for satisfaction and contentment.
- We know abundant life exists in its' absence.

*Q: How much is your current treasure worth; what value does it have for you?*

*What do you care most about that's bigger than you?*

*If you were to re-value in 2024, where would you start?*

### III. The Spirit helps us understand the things that are freely given to us by God.

#### (I Corinth. 2.12)

- God longs for absolute candor.
- He does not ask us to pretend the material does not exist, but works in/through it. (Eph 2.10)
- Desire draws us beyond our version of safety.
- We will continue to be dissatisfied with the temporary. (John 11.25-26)
- Spiritual longing is part of our identity.

*Q: What might be stopping you from pursuing and engaging your God-given identity?*

*Who would you be, if you followed your heart's desire? What difference would that make?*

*What is the essential question you would ask the Holy Spirit to answer about yourself?*