

The Christian Desire

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Scripture: [Genesis 25: 29- 34 - Hebrews 12: 16-17](#)

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Summary: This message deals with both good and evil desires that trouble mankind. It reveals that true passion or desire leads to the right kind of life. On the other hand, a bass desire leads to the wrong type of experience. This is what the Bible says in:

- **Romans 6:23** - For **the wages of sin is death**, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord.”
- **Romans 6: 21** - **What fruit did you have** then in the things of which you are now ashamed? - The wanting of Adam and Eve brought shame in their lives
- **James 1:15** - Then, when desire has conceived, **it gives birth to sin;** and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.
- **Esau’s desire** distracted him from becoming what God wanted him to be
- An this can happen to anyone who is chasing the things of this life

The text in the Book of Genesis tells us about Jacob when he was known as a Corn Artist.

- As the firstborn, Esau was **entitled to a double portion** of his father’s possessions - that is, twice as much as any other son might inherit.
- He also became the tribal or **family head**. This was known as the birthright. In Esau’s case, it would also have included **being the ancestor of the Messiah**. One day, as Esau was returning from a hunting trip, he saw Jacob cooking some red stew. He asked for some of the red stuff so imploringly that he got the nickname “Red” (Edom), and it stuck to him and to his posterity, the Edomites. When Jacob offered some soup in exchange for Esau’s birthright, Esau foolishly agreed. “No food except the forbidden fruit was as dearly bought as this broth.” The prophecy of verse 23 is partially fulfilled in verses 29 - 34. God does not condone Jacob’s wheeling and dealing, but one thing is apparent -
- **Jacob valued the birthright and a place in the godly line**, while Esau preferred the gratification of his physical appetite to spiritual blessings.

This chapter introduces us to two **kinds of transactions** that were done spiritually.

- Esau desired to gratify the temporary need - or to solve the urgent need in a particular situation - we call it “**A Want.**”

- As for Jacob, he desired to be the one to carry out the birthright and a place in the godly line - we call it “**A Desire.**”
 1. Our desire must **lead us to God**
 2. Our passion must **guide us to Holiness**
 3. Our hope must **connect us to Christ,**
 4. Our desire must **prompt us to reach out to the lost**

The believer's desire must gravitate in the atmosphere of (**Luke 10:27**)

1. Desiring to **Love God** with all your heart, soul, strength and with all your mind.
2. And then we are compelled to **love** our **neighbours** as ourselves

Desiring to Love God and Others

1. **Arising to shine** - Ephesians 5: 14 - Therefore, He says: “Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.”

*For you, as a believer, you **have to arise** so God can shine in you, through you and for you.*

2. **Running to Win** - **1 Corinthians 9: 24-27** - Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

*For you, as a believer, you **must run** so God can win in you, through you and for you.*

3. **Helping to Succour** - **Philippians 4:3** - And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life.

For you, as a believer, you have to **help someone** so God can reach out and bring assistance and support in times of hardship and stress in someone's life.

4. **Sowing to reap** - **Galatians 6: 7-9** - Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

*For you, as a believer, you have to **sow a seed in someone's life** so God can reap the glory and honour out of it.*

5. **Fighting to subdue - 1 Timothy 6:12** - Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

*For you, as a believer, you **must fight a good soldier** so God can subdue your enemies.*

6. **Praying to bless - 1 Timothy 2: 1-2** - For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain. But even after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict.

*For you, as a believer, you **must pray** so God can bless others.*

7. **Fishing to Catch - Matthew 4:19** - Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

*For you, as a believer, you **have to go fishing** (evangelism) so God can catch a fish for His own glory and honour.*