

THE DESIRES OF YOUR HEART

Finding Your Fit In Ministry -- Part 3

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Job 10:8 (NIV) *"Your hands shaped me and made me..."*

1. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT YOUR HEART?

Proverbs 27:19 (GNT) *"It is your own face that you see reflected in the water and it is your own self that you see in your heart."*

- Why you **SAY** the things you do.

Matthew 12:34b (GNT) *"...For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of."*

- Why you **FEEL** the way you do.

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV) *"For the Word of God is alive and active... it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."*

- Why you **ACT** the way you do.

Proverbs 4:23 (NLT) *"Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life."*

2. WHAT IS IT LIKE TO LIVE YOUR HEART'S DESIRE?

Colossians 3:23 (GNT) *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people."*

- It brings **ENTHUSIASM**
- It heightens **EFFECTIVENESS**

Passion is the desire that motivates you to give yourself to a cause, an idea, a person or a task.

- It leads to **EXCELLENCE**

Ecclesiastes 2:10b (NIV) *"...My heart took delight in all my labor, and this was the reward for all my toil."*

3. HOW DO YOU START LIVING YOUR HEART'S DESIRE?

- **COMMIT** all your life to God.

Psalms 37:4-5 (NLT) *"Seek your happiness in the Lord, and He will give you your heart's desire. ⁵ Give yourself to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will help you."*

Genesis 1:31a (NIV) *"God saw all that He had made, and it was very good."*

- **EXAMINE** What You Enjoy Doing.

Galatians 6:4 (GW) *"Each of you must examine your own actions. Then you can be proud of your own accomplishments without comparing yourself to others."*

- **EXPLORE** Your Options.

Proverbs 23:23 (NLT) *"Get the truth and never sell it; also get wisdom, discipline, and good judgment."*

Proverbs 27:17 (NLT) *"As iron sharpens iron, a friend sharpens a friend."*

- **BELIEVE** God Is With You.

Joshua 1:9 (NLT) *"...Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."*

Three fears that kill dreams and stop a heart.

1. The fear of **RIDICULE**.
2. The fear of **FAILURE**.
3. The fear of the **UNKNOWN**.

Philippians 2:13 (NLT) *"For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him."*