

“Surfing for God”

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“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.”

1 John 2:15–17 (ESV)

“On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.”

John 7:37 (ESV)

“One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.”

Psalm 27:4 (ESV)

Quotations

- “I still prefer to believe that sex is a substitute for religion and that the young man who rings the bell at the brothel is unconsciously looking for God.” Bruce Marshall
- “The pursuit of purity is not about the suppression of lust, but about the reorientation of life to a larger goal.” – Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- “The root of all sin is the suspicion that God is not good.” – Oswald Chambers

Difference between desire (craving) and thirst

- Desire – “an inordinate, self indulgent craving (that displaces proper affections for God)”
“Unrestrained longing for something forbidden” “An intense desire for a particular thing”
- Thirst - a legitimate God given need.

“Desire”	Thirst	Temptation	Counterfeit
1 John 2: 26	Matthew 4:1-10		
Desire of the Flesh	Satisfaction	Satisfy Self	Good
Desire of the Eyes	Significance	Make a Name	Truth
Pride of Life	Worship	Worship Me (Satan)	Worship

Questions for Discussion...

1. Am I completely honest with regarding my behavior?
2. From the list below, share one desire that lies below the surface of your life?
 - Comfort Affirmation Power
 - Security Acceptance
 - Control Satisfaction
 - Approval Significance
 - Affection Hassle free life
 - Attention Vindication

Questions to discuss with God...

- 1. What am I doing that demonstrate ungodly desires? What are my actions?**
- 2. What do my actions tell me about what I really believe?**
- 3. What lies do my actions tell me I believe about God?**
- 4. What do my beliefs tell me what I really desire? (My beliefs will point to my desires)**
- 5. What wounds/pain in my life is unresolved?**
- 6. What is the connection between my wounds/pain and my acting out?**