

The Law of Desire

Have you ever seen a person in the Body of Christ that was turned-on to God and His Word? You probably noticed their life was completely centered on the Word of God. It was as if they were addicted to the things of God and what a joy it was for them to read and study the Bible. Their prayer life was not drudgery; they could hardly wait for the next time they were alone with their Heavenly Father. You probably also noticed they were walking in a peace and contentment that other people did not seem to have. And secretly you may have said, "I wish I could be like they are and have what they seem to have." You may have wondered what caused that person to be that way. Did God give them a double dose of joy? Were they exempt from facing trials and tests?

We believe the Spirit of the Lord has helped us to understand what causes a believer to demonstrate this type of character.

A few years ago I was attending a ministers' luncheon when a lady evangelist made a statement that changed my life. The statement was short and to the point, but I never forgot it. These are the words that came forth: 'DESIRE FOLLOWS YOUR ATTENTION.'" It was simple, but yet so profound. In other words, what you give your attention to, you will eventually desire.

As I began to meditate on that statement I realized that it was a spiritual law. Since it was spiritual law there must be a principle in God's Word to confirm it. This principle is found in Proverbs 4:20-22:

"My son, ATTEND to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings, let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are LIFE unto those that find them and HEALTH to all their flesh."

Just as this spiritual law works in the positive realm, it also works in the negative realm. The devil will try to entice us to put this law into action in order to bring about evil things into our lives. In fact, it was satan perverting this law that brought about the fall in the Garden of Eden.

Remember, what you give your attention to will demand devotion of thought. Yes, at first Eve just noticed the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. But the more she passed by the tree, her attention was given to what the serpent had told her in Genesis 2:1-5. The desire then came in verse 5:

“And WHEN the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be DESIRED to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”

What a tragedy! Man had fallen from all that God had planned for him. But wait, God never ends on a negative but always on a positive. This is where Proverbs 4:20-22 comes in to play. When we begin to give our attention to the Word of God, then this spiritual law will begin to work in our favor.

As we make a determined effort to give our attention to God and His Word, Satan will do everything he can to divert our attention elsewhere. How does he do that? By persecution, pressures, cares, and anything else he can mastermind.

The devil's most common avenue of distraction is through the flesh. There will be times when the flesh will not want to read and study or commune with the Father. DO IT! EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE IT! You must always remember: ***DESIRE FOLLOWS YOUR ATTENTION.*** The more attention you give to God the more you will desire Him. You will eventually find that you can hardly wait to spend time with the Lord. You will look forward to study and prayer with an attitude of expectancy, wondering what God is going to share with you next. You will learn how to keep pressing forward even when it seems as though nothing good is happening. You will begin to experience LIFE as mentioned in Proverbs 4:22. And, oh, what peace and joy it is! The God of the Universe revealing Himself to you in the Glory of His power. For where God is, there is His presence. And where His presence is, there is His power.

And where His power is there is His glory. And where His glory is, there is no need! It is all because of His mercy and grace.

We hope you will begin applying the spiritual law of desire in your life; for God desires to show Himself strong to you. When you do, people will begin to notice the change in your life as you walk in God's peace and contentment in these last days. We trust God will quicken His Word in you heart.

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