

OBEY GOD, NOT OUR APPETITES | ESSENTIAL, PART 5
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Romans 7:21-25 (MSG) *It happens so regularly that it's predictable. The moment I decide to do good, sin is there to trip me up. I truly delight in God's commands, but it's pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight. Parts of me covertly rebel, and just when I least expect it, they take charge. 24 I've tried everything and nothing helps. I'm at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? Isn't that the real question? 25 The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does. He acted to set things right in this life of contradictions where I want to serve God with all my heart and mind, but am pulled by the influence of sin to do something totally different.*

**THERE ARE NO BAD DESIRES, JUST MISGUIDED
DESIRES THAT LEAD US INTO BAD OUTCOMES**

WHAT IS THIS DESIRE TELLING ME I NEED?

**IF YOU WANT WHAT NORMAL PEOPLE HAVE,
DO WHAT NORMAL PEOPLE DO**

**IF YOU WANT WHAT FEW PEOPLE HAVE,
DO WHAT FEW PEOPLE DO**

1 John 2:16-17 (ESV) *16 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. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.*

THREE DESIRES THE WORLD LEAVES US CRAVING

1. Desires of the Flesh | Physical Pleasure
2. Desires of the Eyes | Everything thing we see, but don't have
3. Pride of Life | Achievements and Accomplishments

NORMAL PEOPLE WANT WHAT THEY WANT NOW, NOT LATER

NORMAL PEOPLE WILL TRADE THE ULTIMATE FOR THE IMMEDIATE

Genesis 25:29-34 (ESV) *29 Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. 30 And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!" (Therefore his name was called Edom.) 31 Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright now." 32 Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" 33 Jacob said, "Swear to me now." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. 34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.*

WHAT IS YOUR BOWL OF STEW?

FOLLOWERS OF JESUS KNOW THAT LATER IS BETTER THAN NOW

Proverbs 16:32 (NLT) *Better to be patient than powerful; better to have self-control than to conquer a city.*

**FOLLOWERS OF JESUS ARE WILLING TO GIVE UP SOMETHING THEY
WANT TODAY FOR SOMETHING OF MORE VALUE TOMORROW**

**FOLLOWERS OF JESUS SEEK GOD UNTIL HIS DESIRES
BECOME THEIR DESIRES**

Psalms 37:4-5 (NLT) *4 Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desires. 5 Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you.*

GOD REWARDS OBEDIENCE

Luke 11:28 (NLT), Deuteronomy 11:13-17 (ESV)

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