Desire

The Power of a deep desire for God

Desire is "a strong feeling of wanting to have something", or "to long for".

Mark 11:24 KJV – *Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye* **desire**, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Desire **motivates** our lives and **shapes** our future.

Our desires will either move us away from God, or towards him.

We all have desires of our heart but is our desire for God?

<u>Desire is knowledge set aflame</u> <u>within us.</u>

For us to have a deep desire for God, we must have a foundation of knowledge of the scriptures.

Knowledge of the scriptures encourages a strong desire within us to serve God.

Hosea 4:6 – *My* people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge.

Proverbs 2:1-10

We must have knowledge of the scriptures to know what we believe.

Desire is the foundation of the vision for our life.

Proverbs 29:18

If we don't have godly desires for our life, our vision will be worthless in the eyes of God.

We can see the effects of a lack of knowledge, and a lack of vision in a person's life.

Knowledge is like machinery, but vision, or our strong desire is the power that drives the machinery.

Courage matched with desire results in powerful action.

Luke 12:47-48

Us, who have biblical knowledge, have a responsibility to share it for the kingdom of God.

Our desire is our **WANT** do gods will. But we require the courage to act on our desire and knowledge.

James 1:22-25

Be doers of the word.

By following God wholeheartedly, we can be sure that we will face aspects of conflict and persecution. What better example to look at in the bible than Paul.

Acts 20:22-24

The complete and ultimate sacrifice to Gods will is something we can learn from in Paul's life.

The power of desire and unity within the church

When believers come together with unity and a deep desire for God, there is **protection**.

Proverbs 11:14, Proverbs 15:22, Luke 11:17

When believers come together with unity and a deep desire for God, there is **power**.

Matthew 18:19-20

The importance of unity is mentioned multiple times in the early church.

Acts 2:1, Acts 2:46, Acts 4:24, Acts 4:32

Meeting together, fellowshipping together, is powerful.

It's easier to be courageous and live a life for God when you are surrounded by like-minded believers.

Lets' gain knowledge from the scriptures and create a deep desire within our souls to serve God. Let's be courageous enough to act on our desire, and let's do together.