

LESSON 2

DESIRABLE DESIRES

1 PETER 1:10—2:3



1 What do the following statements mean? *He or she has a passion for . . .*

cars _____

cooking _____

sports _____

music _____

2 What do you have a passion for?



Read 1 Peter 1:10—2:3 and the following notes:

☐ 1:14–16 ☐ 1:17 ☐ 1:24, 25 ☐ 2:2, 3

3 What does it mean to be holy (1:13–15)?

4 How does holiness relate to our desires (1:14–16)?

5 Why is it important for us to conform to God's standards (1:17–21)?

Peter reminded his audience of one of the most fundamental Christian callings: holiness. People who follow Christ, he explained, must change. Left to ourselves, we live by sinful desires. Malice, deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and backstabbing come built in. In contrast, God wants us to be holy—to replace our human tendencies and desires with his, to have a passion for godliness and love. Because God paid a great price for us, it only makes sense to be obedient to him and not to “slip back into [our] old ways of doing evil; [we] didn’t know any better then” (1:14).



6 What desires determine how most people live?

7 In what ways do God's desires for us clash with the desires that usually run our life?

8 What can a person do to order his/her life after God's desires?



9 What are your desires for . . .

your family? _____

your job/career? _____

yourself? _____

your future? _____

10 What might be God's desires for . . .

your family? _____

your job/career? _____

yourself? _____

your future? _____

11 What would it mean for you to completely dedicate your life to God in . . .

your finances? _____

your morals? _____

your friendships? _____

your thoughts? _____

your home life? _____

12 What is the first step you can take toward getting your life in line with God's desires?



13 How could you take this first step this week?

A Whom did Jesus send to help us (1:11)? How can you make better use of the resources God has given to help you live for him?

B What will we be given when Christ returns (1:13)? How can we get ready? What can you do now to get ready?

C How can we rid ourselves of deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and backstabbing (2:1)? In what situations do you have these problems? What concrete steps can you take to combat your bad tendencies?

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