

Don't Be Deceived

How To Get What You Really Want - Part 2

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What do you want?

We want our way.

When we always get our way, we often get in our own way.

We want to do what we want to do.

If we always do what we want to do, we may end up where we don't want to be.

We want perpetual pleasure.

Our pleasures can become our prisons.

We want it now.

What we want now is not always what we want later.

Our wants can be tricky.

Be careful what you want for.

What do you really want?

What we really want is found in what we really value.

So often what we want now is in conflict with what we really want later.

Jesus points us toward not simply what we value most, but what is most valuable.

What I naturally want is often at odds with what I really want.

I've been present for every dumb thing I've ever done.

What is wrong with me?

[“]¹⁴ So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. ¹⁵I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. ¹⁸ ... I want to do what is right, but I can't. ¹⁹I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. ²³ ... There is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me.” Romans 7:14-15, 18-19, 23 (NLT)

There is a conflict between my nature and what I value.

What we naturally want is often in conflict with what we ultimately want.

Our nature is to: Lie, Steal, Hate, Revolt, Gossip, Revenge, Selfish, Excess

¹⁴But each person is tempted when they are **dragged away** by their own evil desire and enticed. ¹⁵Then, after desire has **conceived**, it **gives birth** to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to **death**. ¹⁶Don't be **deceived**, my dear brothers and sisters.” James 1:14-16 (NIV)

**Following Jesus will make your life better.
And it will make you better at life!**

Jesus will point you past what is immediate to what is ultimate.

What do you **really want?**

Three questions to answer for yourself:

- 1. What do you **really** want?**
- 2. What keeps **dragging** you away?**
- 3. How long do you plan to let what you naturally want drag you away from what you ultimately want?**

Answer these questions for **yourself and for your **future**.**

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