

DESIRE
ROOM TO BREATHE #2
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“For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.” (Philippians 2:13, NLT)

“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” (Matthew 6:33, NLT)

**A PASTOR’S UNDERSTANDING OF DESIRE
COMPARED WITH THE WORLD’S.**

*“Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart’s desires.”
(Psalm 37:4, NLT)*

1. The desire to do.

“Come on, let’s try pleasure. Let’s look for the ‘good things’ in life.” But I found that this, too, was meaningless.” (Ecclesiastes 2:1–2, NLT)

2. The desire to have.

“I also tried to find meaning by building huge homes for myself ... I had everything a man could desire!” (Ecclesiastes 2:4–7, NLT)

3. The desire to be.

“I became greater than all who had lived in Jerusalem before me, and my wisdom never failed me. Anything I wanted, I would take. I denied myself no pleasure. I even found great pleasure in hard work, a reward for all my labors. But as I looked at everything I had worked so hard to accomplish, it was all so meaningless—like chasing the wind. There was nothing really worthwhile anywhere.” (Ecclesiastes 2:8–11, NLT)

DELIGHT IN YOUR DEEPEST DESIRE.

“And I commend joy, for man has nothing better under the sun but to eat and drink and be joyful, for this will go with him in his toil through the days of his life that God has given him under the sun.” (Ecclesiastes 8:15, ESV)

1. God’s gift of joy is greater than pleasure.

“Then our joy will be complete.” (2 John 12, NLT)

2. God’s gift of contentment is greater than stuff.

*“Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth.”
(1 Timothy 6:6, NLT)*

3. God’s gift of significance is greater than achievement.

“Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” (Matthew 4:19, NLT)

GROWTHWORK

Discipleship is Stewardship.

1. Stewardship is personal. Desire to live thankful for your salvation.

“Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.” (James 1:17, NLT)

2. Stewardship is powerful. Desire to be generous because God is merciful to you.

“Always be generous, open purse and hands, give to your neighbors in trouble, your poor and hurting neighbors.” (Deuteronomy 15:11, Message)

3. Stewardship is potential. Desire to tithe because God wants to experience His increase.

“Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.” (Proverbs 3:9–10, NIV)