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“Victory & Lust” (2)

*“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
(1 Corinthians 15:57)*

Driven by Downward Desire

Proverbs 27:20 – “Just as Death and Destruction are never satisfied, so human desire is never satisfied.” (NLT)

Genesis 6:5 – “The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

Revelation 9:20-21 – (20) “The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, (21) nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.”

Desire & Declivity

James 1:14-15 – (14) “But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire (epithymia). (15) Then desire (epithymia) when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.”

<p>Epithymia – a longing, passion, to set the heart upon (more often for what is forbidden)</p>
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David’s Desires

Psalm 63:1 – “O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.”

2 Samuel 24:2-4 – (2) “So the king said to Joab, the commander of the army, who was with him, ‘Go through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, and number the people, that I may know the number of the people.’ (3) But Joab said to the king, ‘May the LORD your God add to the people a hundred times as many as they are, while the eyes of my lord the king still see it, but why does my lord the king delight in this thing?’ (4) But the

king's word prevailed against Joab and the commanders of the army. So Joab and the commanders of the army went out from the presence of the king to number the people of Israel.”

Psalm 19:9-10 – (9) “...The rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. (10) More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.”

1 Kings 2:8-9 – (8) “And there is also with you Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjaminite from Bahurim, who cursed me with a grievous curse on the day when I went to Mahanaim. But when he came down to meet me at the Jordan, I swore to him by the LORD, saying, ‘I will not put you to death with the sword.’ (9) Now therefore do not hold him guiltless, for you are a wise man. You will know what you ought to do to him, and you shall bring his gray head down with blood to Sheol.”

Psalm 116:1 – “I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.”

Don't be Driven by Downward Desires

“With much seductive speech she persuades him; with her smooth talk she compels him. All at once he follows her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a stag is caught fast till an arrow pierces its liver; as a bird rushes into a snare; he does not know that it will cost him his life.” (Proverbs 7:21-23)

“Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has strife? Who has complaining? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? Those who tarry long over wine; those who go to try mixed wine. Do not look at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup and goes down smoothly. In the end it bites like a serpent and stings like an adder.” (Proverbs 23:29-32)

Purposely Position Passion towards the Lord

“Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!” (Psalm 34:8)

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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