

Burning Desire

“I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will rest in hope...You will show me *the path of life*; in Your presence is *fullness of joy*; at Your right hand are *pleasures forevermore*” (Psa 16:8-9, 11). David knew that God gives only the best gifts to His people, the good and perfect ones (James 1:17).

So whatever you may have to give-up in this life to be a Christian will be more than made up for by what God has promised to give those who follow His Son. Jesus said, “Assuredly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, *for My sake and the gospel’s*, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time — houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions — and in the age to come, *eternal life* (Mark 10:29-30).

The gospel of Christ can empower you to turn away from the false promises of this world in order that your soul might be saved (Rom 1:16). You simply cannot love the world (the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life) and go to heaven (1 John 2:15-17). So if you want the power to say “no” to anything or anyone that might interfere with you serving the Lord and going to Heaven, then you must learn to have a burning desire for that which has the greatest value.

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