

"And Solomon **Determined** to build an house for the name of the LORD, and an house for his kingdom." **2 Chronicles 2:1 KJV**

We do many painful things to achieve just one pleasure. Desire spawns determination and accomplishment. Even Godless pleasure seekers are determined. Passion drives your determination. Earning wages may be distasteful, but the focus is for what the wage may be exchanged. Artists desire to reproduce what they conceive as beauty or to illustrate a concept. Love of music drives composer, conductor, and musician alike. Love of money is driven by carnal desire. The more intense the lust the more ruthless its acquisition. Drug addicts will hurt their own children to satisfy burning desires of their flesh. For many, wealth equals happiness. "*The love of money is the root of ALL evil!*" Deeds directly indicate desires. Lies are born of lust. Truth Is Born of Holiness. Truth Opposes lust and thereby the men driven by its desire. "*As he thinketh in his heart so is he.*" Lies may fool men, but NOT God for He "*Is A Discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*" You may hid sin now, but on Judgment Day "*there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.*" Let the Truth of God's Word search your heart that It May Reveal the lust lurking in the cracks and crevices of your desire. Purify them with the cleansing of confession that you may appear "*without spot or wrinkle*" before Christ. "*If we confess our sins, He Is Faithful And Just To Forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness.*" Immerse your soul in Truth and Christ will become The Desire of your heart. The more of God you discover, the more you'll discover you desire Him, and the more determined your diligent pursuit!

God's Word reveals each hidden sin,
To those who humbly search within,
Souls lost in sinful darkest night,
May find the Way with Truth's own Light. —CGP



Honestly examine desire in the Light And Lens of Truth! Pressboard may appear to be rich cherry wood because it's covered with a printed paper veneer. Have you simply covered lust with a thin veneer of fake righteousness? True wood will float on the flood, but pressboard disintegrates and sinks. Is your faith a veneer or will it survive the tempest? "*When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of The LORD Shall Lift Up A Standard Against him.*" It only takes one flood to destroy fakes that have stood for years fooling all. Life's tempests prove Faith and destroy fakes. Let the Rock of Truth be your foundation and only use the precious jewels of meditation, prayer, praise, and thanksgiving to build thereon. Apply the mortar of the "*love of the brethren*" with the trowel of Truth and slay ALL enemies with the Spirit's Sword! "*Above all, taking the Shield of Faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench ALL the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the Helmet of Salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God: Praying ALWAYS with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.*" Without prayer, Faith is futile! Communication is essential to combat! Meditate AND Pray, ALWAYS!

"For other foundation can no man lay than That Is Laid, Which Is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for The Day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by Fire; and The Fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." **1 Corinthians 3:11-13 KJV**