

DESIRE, PASSION & FREE WILL

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INTRODUCTION

THE WAKE-UP CALL YOU CANNOT IGNORE

Desire is not neutral. Passion is not harmless. Free will is not optional. You were created with all three by God, and each of them is powerful enough to build your life—or destroy it. The problem is simple: when desire runs without direction, passion burns without purpose, and free will chooses without wisdom, your life becomes something you never intended.

Spiritual ignorance is lethal—not metaphorically, but literally. When you do not know God, you do not know who you are. When you do not know who you are, you do not know how to live. And when you do not know how to live, you slowly lose your life one decision at a time.

Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” (John 14:6). This is not poetic language; it is a rescue strategy. This isn’t a slogan. It’s a rescue strategy.

Let’s rebuild what ignorance has broken.

Desire: The Engine of the Soul

1. Desire is God-Given—but Dangerous When Untamed

Desire is the internal pull toward something you believe is valuable. God designed desire to draw you toward Him. Sin reprogrammed desire to draw you toward everything else.

Scripture:

“Each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own desire and enticed.”

James 1:14

Desire is not the enemy. Misalignment is.

2. Ignorant Desire Produces Destructive Outcomes

When desire operates unexamined, you start chasing:

- People who drain you
- Goals God never assigned
- Comfort that becomes a cage
- Validation that never satisfies
- Pleasure that becomes bondage

This is how people lose years without realizing they've lost life.

3. The Silent Cost of Desire Without God

You pay in:

- Time
- Energy
- Identity
- Relationships
- Purpose
- Peace

Spiritual ignorance turns desire into a thief.

Passion: Fire That Needs a Furnace

Passion is desire intensified. It is emotional energy, spiritual fire, and internal drive.

1. Passion Always Burns—But What It Burns For Is Your Responsibility

Without truth, passion burns for the wrong things:

- Attention
- Revenge
- Pleasure
- Comparison
- Ambition without assignment

With Christ, passion becomes power:

- Love
- Holiness
- Service
- Purpose
- Transformation

2. Ignorant Passion Leads to Self-Destruction

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is death.” Proverbs 14:12

You will feel right while dying inside.
You will feel justified while drifting off course.
You will feel strong while being spiritually weakened.

This is the trick of spiritually uninformed passion:
It feels like momentum while producing destruction.

3. The Only Safe Place for Passion Is Under the Lordship of Christ

Passion must be surrendered and stewarded.

If God does not govern it, sin will.

Free Will: Your Greatest Gift and Greatest Risk

1. Free Will Makes You Powerful—but Accountable

You get to choose your thoughts.
You get to choose your actions.
You get to choose your loves.
You get to choose your loyalties.

And every choice shapes the person you are becoming.

2. Spiritual Ignorance Causes Misuse of Free Will

You start believing:

- You can run your own life
- You can define your own truth
- You can save yourself
- You can fix your own brokenness
- You can choose without consequences

This mindset is how death enters slowly.
Not through one big decision—through daily small ones.

3. Free Will Without God Leads to Captivity

“People perish for lack of knowledge.” Hosea 4:6

Ignorance does not excuse you. It eliminates you.

- When you do not know the truth, every lie sounds like freedom.
- When you do not know God’s voice, every impulse feels like guidance.
- When you do not know Christ as Life, everything else becomes your substitute.

The High Cost of Spiritual Ignorance

Spiritual ignorance is not simply “not knowing.” It is misalignment with reality.

1. You Live Blind

You operate by feelings, impulses, culture, trauma, wounds, opinions, and emotions.

2. You Choose Poorly

Decisions that feel good in the moment become the chains of the future.

3. You Lose Identity

You become defined by roles, results, relationships, and reactions.

4. You Waste Time

Sin is a time thief. Ignorance is its partner.

5. You Shrink Spiritually

Your sensitivity to God dulls.
Your discernment dies.
Your hunger fades.

6. You Become Easy Prey for the Enemy

Scripture: “My people have gone into captivity because they have no knowledge.”

Isaiah 5:13

Ignorance is an open door.

The Life, The Truth, and The Way: Your Only Rescue

You cannot self-correct your way out of spiritual blindness.
You can only surrender.

Jesus is not merely a leader.
Not merely a teacher.
Not merely an example.
He is the Life you lack, the Truth you need, and the Way
you cannot find without Him.

1. Jesus as The Way: He Redirects Your Steps

He gives you divine direction.
He restores your sense of purpose.
He realigns desire, passion, and free will.

2. Jesus as The Truth: He Reprograms Your Mind

His word becomes the lamp your life lacked.
His perspective becomes your anchor.
His wisdom becomes your protection.

3. Jesus as The Life: He Revives What Ignorance Killed

Passion becomes purified.
Desire becomes holy.
Free will becomes surrendered.
He doesn't improve your life.
He resurrects it.

CHAPTER 6

How Christ Saves Your Desire, Passion, and Will

1. He Confronts What You Could Not See

Sin, motives, wounds, ego, idols.

2. He Reorders What You Could Not Control

Your appetites, your direction, your priorities.

3. He Strengthens What You Could Not Sustain

Faith, endurance, humility, obedience.

4. He Purifies What You Could Not Cleanse

Your intentions, your imagination, your emotional attachments.

5. He Leads Where You Could Not Go Alone

Into freedom, truth, purpose, and eternal life.

Practical Steps to Stop Dying Spiritually and Start Living

1. Surrender Desire

Ask:

- What do I want more than God?
- What competes for my affection?

Bring it into the light.

2. Submit Passion

Ask:

- Where is my fire burning?
- Is it holy or harmful?

Offer it to God daily.

3. Yield Free Will

Pray:

“Not my will, but Yours be done.” Luke 22:42

This prayer births life.

4. Replace Ignorance with Revelation

- Scripture before decision.
- Prayer before action.
- Spirit before impulse.

5. Stay Connected to the Source

You cannot live off yesterday's revelation.

Life is in Christ—daily.

The Call: Choose Life While Life Is Still Calling You

Jesus does not negotiate with ignorance.

He rescues from it.

But He will not override your will.

You choose.

You respond.

You surrender.

You live.

“I set before you life and death... choose life.”

Deuteronomy 30:19

This is not poetic.

It is literal.

Every day you choose which direction your soul travels.

And the truth remains:

Only the Way saves the lost.

Only the Truth frees the deceived.

Only the Life resurrects the dying.

Your Life Is Too Expensive to Waste

Desire aimed at Christ becomes devotion.

Passion purified by Christ becomes power.

Free will surrendered to Christ becomes destiny.

But without Him?

Desire kills.

Passion blinds.

Free will destroys.

This is the raw reality:

Spiritual ignorance costs you your life.

Jesus gives you a new one.

You cannot save yourself.

But you can surrender to the One who can.

Choose Him. Choose Life. Choose Truth. Choose the Way.