

Fire Pit Topic: Desire

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Definition: a sense of longing or hoping for a person, object, or outcome. The same sense is expressed by emotions such as "craving". To express a wish for

What are our strongest desires?

Can we see desire in the actions of others?

Genesis 3:16 To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

Matthew 12:7 But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless.

James 1:15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

A magazine article summarized the life of a former winning NCAA basketball coach and network sports announcer. Throughout his colorful coaching career, he had been obsessed with the game and with winning. However, years later, stricken with cancer, he came to realize the triviality of the goods and values to which he had been passionately devoted. "You get sick and you say to yourself, 'Sports means nothing,' and that feels terrible."

Because he had spent little time with his wife and children, he confessed, "I figured I'd have 20 years in the big time, who knows, maybe win three national titles, then pack it in at 53 or 54....I was going to make it all up to them, all the time I'd been away....It sounds so silly now....But it went on and on, that insatiable desire to conquer the world."

How do you determine if a desire is good or bad for you?

What is your greatest desire in life right now?