

## CHAPTER ELEVEN: RESTORING OUR FOUR DESIRES

Four primary God-given desires reside in each of one us. They represent the heartbeat that connects our hearts with our three resources of life. Every choice, every thought, every feeling, every prayer is connected with every investment of time, talent, and treasure by the heartbeat to satisfy these desires (Genesis 1:27-30).

The first primary God-given desire is *significance*, which comes from being created in God's image (Genesis 1:27). The second desire is *contentment* from being blessed by God to be fruitful, multiply, and subdue (to bring contentment to) the earth (Genesis 1:28). The third desire is *control* from being empowered by God to rule over the earth (Genesis 1:28). The fourth desire is *security* from being provided with every seed-bearing plant and fruit-bearing tree (Genesis 1:29-30). Notice that each desire is from our *being*, or our identity in the Designer, who is also our Restorer. These desires flow vertically from the heart of God into each one of our spiritual hearts, and they flow horizontally into our relationships with others (Genesis 2:18).

Our pursuit of the satisfaction of each desire leads with a particular chamber of the heart. One who attempts to satisfy his desire for *significance* leads with *emotions*. One who attempts to satisfy his desire for *contentment* leads with the *spirit*. One who attempts to satisfy his desire for *control* leads with the *will*. One who attempts to satisfy his desire for *security* leads with the *intellect*. Even though one leads with a heart chamber when pursuing a particular desire, all four chambers of the heart flow toward each pursuit.

God has given us these desires for a purpose: to be satisfied in Him and to bring that satisfaction to others. Pride trusts in our giftedness, rather than our godliness, leaving us dissatisfied. Money is pride's measurement of our giftedness. Wisdom is humility's measurement of our godliness. When we surrender our desires to the Restorer, we discover wisdom's satisfaction on Restoration Road.

### ***Navigating Restoration Road***

How have you sought significance from money?

Was the result insignificance? If so, describe.

How could you seek God's wisdom, allowing money to be a byproduct of relationships?

How could you seek intimacy with your customers, vendors, employees, employers, family, or friends as you seek intimacy with God?

Read a chapter in Proverbs each day corresponding to the date of the month, applying this wisdom to your tasks and relationships, including your finances.