



Lesson 5 — Learning to Want What God Wants

Psalm 37:1–11 · Galatians 5:16–17 · Philippians 2:13 · 1 Timothy 2:3–6

Name _____

Date _____

God is after what we want, and that change comes slowly.

Follow Along

1. What changed the boy's list was that he _____ up.
2. Psalm 37 doesn't open with delight. It opens with _____.
3. Psalm 37:3–7 — six of the ten commands come down to _____.
4. Psalm 37:4 — the word translated desires really means _____.
5. Psalm 37:11 — the verb for delight comes back as _____.
6. Galatians 5:17 — the flesh has desires, and so does the _____.
7. Galatians 5:16 — certainly not is about as strong a _____ as Greek has.
8. Philippians 2:13 — to will is the same verb as what you _____ in Galatians 5:17.
9. 1 Timothy 2:4 — God our Savior wants everyone to be _____.

Three Ways to Want

ENVY

Do not envy, Psalm 37:1. Wanting what the wicked have.

DELIGHT

Take delight in the LORD, Psalm 37:4. The LORD himself first.

THE GARDEN

Not what I will, Mark 14:36. Asked plainly, then yielded.

Four Words Worth Knowing

Read each word, then write what the lesson showed it means.

THE WORD

WHAT IT TELLS US

Psalm 37:4

desires

Psalm 37:4, 11

delight

Galatians 5:17

the Spirit desires

Philippians 2:13

to will

What God Wants

This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth, 1 Timothy 2:3–4.

Write one name, outside yourself and your family, that belongs on your prayer list this week. What might change if you prayed for that person every day?

What Is on Your List?

Four questions to take home. Answer the ones you wouldn't say out loud.

1 What have you actually asked God for this month? What does that list say about what you love?

2 Whose life have you quietly envied? What does Psalm 37:1–2 say about it?

3 Name a want that has changed since you became a Christian. When did you first notice it had changed?

4 Jesus told his Father plainly what he wanted before he yielded, Mark 14:36. What would it look like to pray that honestly?

Two Things Before Sunday

- ☐ Keep a list. Every time you pray this week, write down what you asked for in plain words. Read Psalm 37:3–7 aloud each morning before you pray, and save the list for Lesson 13.
- ☐ Read Colossians 3:5–10 before next class. In verse 5, mark which items are desires and which are actions, and notice what Paul calls the last one.