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What do you really want?

Don't Be Deceived

Romans 7:15-19, Galatians 5:19-21, James 1:14-16

We will never get what we <u>really</u> want until we discover what we really value.

The problem with what I want:

- Choosing what's valuable is not natural.
- I do not understand what I do.

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do-this I keep on doing. (Romans 7:15-19, NIV)

What we <u>naturally</u> want is often in <u>conflict</u> with what we <u>ultimately</u> want.

The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. (Galatians 5:19-21, NIV)

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But each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is fullgrown, gives birth to death. Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. (James 1:14-16, NIV)

Following Jesus will make your life better, and it will make you better at life.

What do you really, really want?

What keeps dragging you away?

How much longer do you plan to let what you naturally want drag you away from what you ultimately want?

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