

WORD OF THE DAY



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*"For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory:
no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."*

Desire good? Desire God.



Desiring Good. Is there anyone who does not enjoy good things? Our natural tendency is to select those things that we perceive to be good. It is our natural tendency to select "good" music to listen to or select "good" food to eat. Those things we perceive to be good are attractive to us. Therefore most candidates strive to look their best when they attend job interviews in order to make themselves more attractive to employers. Likewise television commercials and online advertisements present their products as being "good" since very few people in their right minds would purchase a product which seems to be bad. It is human nature to desire good things.

Discerning Good. Although we all desire good things, our ability to distinguish between what is good for us and what is not good for us is very limited. Adam and Eve were deceived in their search for good in Genesis 3:6. The passage reads "*And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat*". Despite Eve's perception that the forbidden fruit was "good", the reality was far from the truth, as sin and death entered the world as a result of her disobedience.

Desire God. Although Adam and Eve discerned wrongly between good and evil, if they had simply obeyed God, they would not have been deceived. In Genesis chapter 2 verse 17, God warns them, saying, "*But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it, for in the day thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die*". In our verse of the day, it is stated that God will not withhold anything that is good from us if we walk in obedience to God's WORD. In spite of the temptations of the world, our flesh, and the devil to convince us that we are missing out on good things, we must not be deceived; because the things which are truly good are the fruits(results) of desiring God.

-Your brother in Christ, WNL

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If you desire the Good things, start by desiring to walk in obedience to God.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, thank you for making a world which was very good. Lord, unfortunately this world is no longer very good. However Lord, if I walk with you closely, you will guide me to the things which are truly good so that I won't have to rely on my own perceptions to discern the difference. Help me Lord to walk in obedience to your commandments, remaining in your LOVE and your WILL; where all the good things are. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.



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