



Main point - God wants to change your life today by giving you His wisdom and His grace

- 1 - Your desires
- 2 - Your humility
- 3 - God's grace

#1 :

“I have the profound sense that many people who complain of not being able to rejoice in God treat the knowledge of God as something that ought to be easy to get. They are passive. They expect spiritual things to happen to them from out of nowhere. They don't grasp the pattern of the Bible (for how to experience the knowledge of God).”

John Piper

When I Don't Desire God: How to Fight for Joy

#2 :

Prov. 2:1

My son, if you receive my words
and treasure up my commandments with you,
2 making your ear attentive to wisdom
and inclining your heart to understanding;
3 yes, if you call out for insight
and raise your voice for understanding,
4 if you seek it like silver
and search for it as for hidden treasures,
5 then you will understand the fear of the LORD
and find the knowledge of God.
6 For the LORD gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;”

#3 :

“Anger comes from within, and the stuff is rancid. These “passions” that are “at war” are your selfish desires that serve you and no one else, not even God. When you are angry, it is because you are angry. This is the hardest thing to learn about anger. You are the problem.”

Dr. Ed Welch

A Small Book About a Big Problem: Meditations on Anger, Patience, and Peace

#4 :

“Anger comes from our thwarted desires. Those desires can, in fact, be just fine. We all have desires, hundreds of them. They range from the desire for a good relationship to a desire to lose ten pounds. James is not against all desires. Instead, he is teaching us to recognize when our desires get too big. It is one thing to desire love. It is something very different to need love, to say you have a right to it, or to demand it. When this happens, desires become selfish desires, something we think we deserve – and don’t get between me and what I deserve. Quarrels and fights are sure to follow.”

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#5 :

“I sit here at ease, hardened and unfeeling – alas! Praying little, grieving little for the Church of God, burning rather in the fierce fires of my untamed flesh. It comes to this: I should be afire in the spirit; in reality I am afire in the flesh, with lust, laziness, idleness, sleepiness. It is perhaps because you have all ceased praying for me that God has turned away from me...For the last eight days I have written nothing, nor prayed nor studied, partly from self-indulgence...I really cannot stand it any longer... Pray for me, I beg you, for in my seclusion here I am submerged in sins.”

Martin Luther

#6 :

Philippians 2:3

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.