

The Fight of Your Life

Developing a Godward Heart

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

- 1 John 2:15-17

2 Ways to Displace the Love of the World

(Adapted from *The Expulsive Power of a New Affection* by Thomas Chalmers)

1. Demonstrate the _____ of the wrong desire ...
2. Set forth a more _____ object of affection or desire ...

"The ascendant power of a second affection will do, what no exposition however forcible, of the folly and worthlessness of the first, ever could effectuate." (Chalmers)

The first step in developing a Godward heart is to _____ God in the _____ so that you _____ God!

We love because he first loved us. (1 John 4:19)

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." (Matthew 13:44)

Is Christ my treasure? My joy?

I was created to desire, but ...

Do I desire _____ things _____?

Does the desire rule over me?

Does my desire for _____ exceed my desire for Christ?

If I lose, or can't have, this desire, will I lose my FAITH in God?

Do I go to _____ means to fulfill _____ desires?

Do I desire _____ things?

What do I do with my (wrong) desires?

I could just _____ them ...

I could _____ them ...

I could _____ them ...

I could try to _____ them ...

I could _____ them ...

Or I can ...

_____ any inordinate or inappropriate desires ...

_____ ...

_____ ...

_____ to _____ wrong desires with right ones ...

_____ as the ultimate means of _____ ...

And, I can know that good and godly desires will _____ ...