



## Sermon:

**"Let Your Desires Lead You to God"**

## Scripture Reference:

Ephesians 2:10

*Things I would like to remember from this week's message*

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## First Time Guest:

If you are a **First Time Guest** we extend a special welcome to you!

You are invited to visit our VIP Tent and receive a thank you for choosing West to spend your morning!

# Go Further...West Weekly Study Guide

## January 29, 2012

**Monday**

**01.30.12**

**2 Cor. 3:18**

Did you wake up today saying "Oh man, today is an AWESOME day to be me!!!! I'm so glad I am me..." Or is there a tendency to wake up and think, "Hmmm, I wonder what today will bring, I'd rather be anyone BUT me!"

When Moses was on the top of Mt. Sinai with God, he asked God to reveal to him God's glory. God replied, "I will cause all my goodness to pass before you." God's glory and goodness are tied together, in fact God's glory is indeed the goodness and love God offers to all people. As we seek to be our best "me," part of our calling is to share that glory/goodness with one another.

- **What "goodness" do you have to offer to someone else today?**

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**Tuesday**

**01.31.12**

**Psalms 37:5-7a**

Lewis Smedes wrote, "God is so great that he does not need to be our only joy. There is an earthly joy, a joy of the outer as well as the inner self, the joy of dancing as well as kneeling, the joy of playing as well as praying."

God is a desire creating AND a desire satisfying God.

God made each of us with desires... and yes, God wants us to desire God first and foremost. However, there are other desires that allow us to fully experience the wholeness and fullness of God's love. It's when we abuse our desires or do them to extreme or excess that they become blockers or barriers in our relationship with God.

- **What are some desires you have that could go either way?**

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**Wednesday**

**02.01.12**

**Ecclesiastes 11:9**

"Be Happy Young Man/Woman!" are the words in this verse... let your heart give you joy... follow your desires. BUT... just remember, you will be judged for it!

Well, aren't those some friendly words in the scriptures! Enjoy your youth, live life to the fullest, be happy... OH BUT by the way, in the end you are probably going to be in trouble for it!

Perhaps that is not what it meant by this scripture.

Let's look at it a different way... If God created us to be in relationship with him, and that relationship is one based on love, and love is goodness... then perhaps our "judgment" *could* be why didn't we embrace the life of love/goodness offered to us!? Why did we insist on going through life with the burdens we carry and place on ourselves. God promises to take our burdens and give us peace... that's part of what the cross was all about!

- **What do you need to place on God so you can experience joy and the desires of your heart?**

## Upcoming Key Events:

### TODAY:

If you would like to help the Burke County Disaster Response efforts, please place your missional offering in the envelopes provided beside the black baskets.

We have a **new webpage designer** ... West's very own Josh Petit and he is doing an AMAZING JOB!

**Check out all the new info:**

[www.headingwest.org](http://www.headingwest.org)

## Prayer Concerns:

Mark Catania and Family -  
Death of Mark's mom

Pam Rodgers and Family -  
Death of Pam's Mom

Brenda Sykes -  
hospitalized this week,  
now home

Amy Weaver's mom -  
hospitalized in Charlotte,  
surgery this week

**Thursday**

**02.02.12**

**Matt. 13:44-46**

### **Could or Should . . .**

Are you doing something because you could or because you should? When you are doing something you enjoy then you notice it doesn't feel like "work" at all . . . it is merely a part of life that you are pouring yourself into because you want to!

Is your walk in faith something that you "could" put yourself more into or is it something you "should" put yourself into?

If we end up working in the things we desire the most, then we will notice it isn't work at all.

Experiencing life in the presence of God is like finding that hidden treasure . . . or it should be anyway! Thus I want to challenge you for the rest of the week . . . examine your life closely.

- **Find "what you desire" and then ponder and try to see if it can lead you into the full presence of God!**

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**Friday**

**02.03.12**

**James 1:17**

**Every good and perfect gift comes from above, from the Father of all lights who satisfies the desires of those who fear him . . ."**

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**Saturday**

**02.04.12**

**Proverbs 13:12**

**"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life."**

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