



PART 1: Careful What You Want For

INTRODUCTION

We all have wants. Life can feel like a constant pursuit of those wants. We want to do what we want to do. We want constant pleasure. And we want what we want *now*. But actually, getting what we want can be tricky and even dangerous. It usually leaves us wanting more. If what we want leads to a cycle of wanting more and more, maybe we want the wrong things. So, what do you want?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. During the message, we asked the question, “*What do you want?*” What came to mind?
2. Talk about a time when you had a seemingly innocent *want* give birth to a sin, habit, or regret.
3. Where are you potentially getting in your own way of getting what you really want?
4. Have you ever pursued something you wanted that conflicted with something you valued?
5. What do you really want? What do you value? Which is most important to you?

MOVING FORWARD

Lurking in the shadows of what we *want* is what we *value*. You’ll never get what you really want until you discover what you really value. Jesus challenged all of our assumptions about what is valuable and what is not. He pointed us toward a different kind of wanting. If you follow him, you’ll pursue what is of greatest value.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

James 4:2b–3