

You Do Just What You Want To Do!

During my many years of preaching there have been periods and places in which no one responded. Neither the sinners nor the erring responded. Often it seems as if the faithful made no effort to improve or change. All of this was very disappointing and frustrating! Finally I understood - **People do just what they want to do!** People did not obey God's word because they simply did not want to obey.

Is there anything that we can do to change that "want to" or "desire"? What truths can we dwell on that will cause us to have a burning desire to grow spiritually and serve our God with great love and with zeal? Permit me to mention some things which may change our "want to" and their "want to". Please think on these with me.

- #1. You are a human being, created in the image of God, the crowning act of His creation - Gen.1:26-27,28. You can think, reason, and determine your course in life. You can, by the way you live, glorify and honor your Creator. Think on this!
- #2. Really consider what sin is, and what it does - 1 Jno.3:4; Isa.59:2. There are rules, given by our Creator for His creatures, and these are revealed in the gospel - Phil.1:27. Sin always has a direct effect on you - Ezek.18:20; Jno.8:34. Also, sin in your life, has an effect on others, by your example and influence. Then, there is the eternal effects of sin - Rom.6:23; Rev.20:12, 15. These facts ought to change the "want to" of anyone. Think on these things!
- #3. Think seriously upon what Christ did-Rom.5:8; 1 Jno.3:16. How would you like to be falsely accused, condemned to die for the crimes of another? Then, put to death for things for which you were not guilty? This is exactly what Christ did; and for your crimes and mine. Think on this!
- #4. Think about where you are headed. No, not your career. Read carefully Gal.6:7-8; Heb.9:27; Matt.25:46. Now, answer the question - Where am I headed? Think on this!

Yep, **you do just what you want to do**, that is, in this life. But, this life will soon be over. Then what? Perhaps the above, if followed, will change some "want tos", and we can observe some good results. Think on these things!