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## **The War Against Your Soul**

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Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

### **Peter 2:9-10**

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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### **Psalm 42:1-2**

As the deer pants for streams of water,  
so my soul pants for you, my God.  
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.  
When can I go and meet with God?

“Desire is infinite partly because we were made by God, made for God, made to need God, and made to run on God. We can be satisfied only by the one who is infinite, eternal, and able to supply all our needs; we are only at home in God. When we fall away from God, the desire for the infinite remains, but it is displaced upon things that will certainly lead to destruction.”

- Dallas Willard

“The world wants you to be a greedy, unrestrained, anxious consumer. Addicted to dopamine rewards through trivial pursuits. The enemy wants you to be selfish fixated on entitlement, victimhood, selfishness, success, sex, pleasure, and power.”

- Jon Tyson

### **Matthew 16:26**

Jesus said, "What will it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his soul? For what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

### **Three Ways to Transform Desire**

*Disrupt Desire*

*Ignite Desire*

*Feed Desire*

“An idol is something that we look to for things that only God can give. An idol is whatever you look at and say, in your heart of hearts, ‘If I have that, then I’ll feel my life has meaning, then I’ll know I have value, then I’ll feel significant and secure.’”

- Tim Keller

“The human heart is indeed a factory that mass-produces idols.”

- David Clarkson

What we feed survives and thrives.

### **1 Peter 2:12**

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