

# Loving God & Living With Me

- \*Desire to Hear – ‘well done good and faithful servant’
- \*Desire for Courage – do what God asks – not man
- \*Desire to Use Talents Well – serve to see fruit
- \*Desire for Maturity – steady faith, peace in storms

## Problem – My Desires Battle

- \*Want to serve self – measure life on my terms
- \*Want to run from difficulty – escape tough fights
- \*Want to have stuff – distracted by things
- \*Want to be lazy – relax, not study – pursue relationship

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David on this Problem:

vs.7-11 – Love of God and His Word

*vs.12-14 – "Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer." Psalm 19:12-14*

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## 1. Grant Me Measuring Moments vs.12

- need to measure occasionally – keep things on track

### a) Who can discern his errors?

- we can convince ourselves of many things
- measure ourselves against culture, others, rules

### b) Forgive my hidden faults

- things I have not seen previously – now shown
- things I have pushed down – not faced, dealt with

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## 2. Give Me a Repentant Heart vs.13

- hard hearts tend to follow their own paths

### a) Keep your servant

- asking God to take an active role

- prevention from willful sin

- discipline when in willful sin

### b) willful sins

- understanding God – choosing my way

- living in the ‘presumption of grace’

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c) rule over me

- note – not free if something rules over you
- keep me from the tangle of slavery to sin

3. Allow Me To Clearly Reflect You In My Life vs.13b,14

- may my legacy and example be clear and reflective

a) blameless

- living with a clear view of forgiveness, both ways
- not driven by guilt or judgment of others

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## b) innocent of great transgression

- those with huge consequences for myself
- those with huge consequences for God's name
- those that rob me of my potential for God

## c) words and meditations

- both what I say and what I think
- takes motives and actions into account
- speaks of an authentic Love lived out

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d) pleasing in your sight

- not for what I gain – how others see me
- not for reward – better place in heaven
- not to be more powerful – climb the religious ladder

\*So that You Would Be Pleased\*

‘if you love me, obey my commands’

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So What

Going To God With a Renewed Focus

1. Grant to Me Measuring Moments

- expose my thoughts, actions, heart – reveal

2. Give Me a Repentant Heart

- keep me, renew in me – protect me from hardness

3. Allow Me to Clearly Reflect You

- absence of guilt – purity of motives and methods