

Personally I'm very, very fond of chocolate. I always have been. If I eat a little chocolate, I enjoy it tremendously and I think it does me good. But it is the hardest thing for me to stop! It is very difficult! And that one more bit of chocolate candy and that one more bit of chocolate cake, how I would love to eat it! But always, later on, I always wish I had eaten one less! I wish I had. The next time it is just about as hard to resist, as it was before.

God has given us the desires of the flesh in order ~~so~~ that we do that which conduces us to make our life go on and to enable us to live. He has given them for that. They are not to be but when they go on that point they become injurious. But they should be shot through with out love to God to such an extent that we subordinate them to him and we learn to make them secondary ~~is~~. I have not learned the lesson fully yet but I pray the Lord will teach me more than I've ever learned as yet.

That is true of the lusts--the Old ~~English~~ English-- they are not something that is to be avoided completely, altho it is true that any particular type of pleasure which may be perfectly alright in itself may in its public application and the way it's carried on at ~~times~~ of a particular kind may be so filled with that which is evil that it is necessary for us to abstain altogether from something that may be right in itself but which has become corrupted by the particular age in which we live. I fear we are close to that time so far as much of ~~the~~ public entertainment is concerned.

The desires of the flesh. The desires of the eyes. A friend told me, he was pastor of a large church, and he said, I had a staff there that I urged to go and call on people and visit them and bring them into the church, and when somebody some new person would come to church to get them to come to prayer meeting and to S.S. He said, his people were active and did some good work but he said, I decided to use a little more pressure on them so I told them that for every person who comes to church as a result of your speaking to them, I will give you an extra \$5. And he said if a person comes to church and comes in addition to S.S. or to prayer meeting, comes to one of the other services connected with the church, I will give you an extra \$10. He said, You see the way those people work! Those fine Christians who had been serving the Lord before but not with all their strength. Now they had a chance to make some more money! The desires of the eyes.

We tend to laugh at that, but we need to ask ourselves, If God gave me that extra \$5 for every person I witnessed to about Christ, if I was guaranteed an extra \$10 for every person I led to the Lord, would it make any difference in my activities? for Christ?

We live in a world in which it is wise that we accumulate a certain amount of this world's ~~the~~ goods. God wants us to prepare for the future in a reasonable way. It is not something to cast aside like the monks who took a vow of poverty and then as