

Jesus and Common Human Desires

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The desire for or to

PLEASURE – generally fleshy gratifications – food, drink, sex, drugs, warmth, etc.

PLENTY – generally many possessions – money, homes, cars, pools, entertainments

PRESTIGE – generally being thought highly by others – honors, titles, positions, esteem

POWER – generally the freedom to go and do what one wants or have others do things for oneself

PRODUCTIVITY – to achieve, create, work or complete practical, scholarly, athletic or artistic endeavors

PURPOSE – generally to work and to complete matters with a higher end than oneself

PEOPLE – generally to be cared about and be cared for by others & to care about and to care for others

PONDER – generally to seek to know the truth about nature, wonders and the how and why of things

PRAISE – the desire to give thanks and adoration to the wise creator, savior and sustainer of all things

PLEASING – the trustful desire to do the will of the wise and loving designer of all things

PARADISE – the desire to be in intimate union with God now and in eternity

Jesus relinquished all PLEASURE in the pain and scourging of his passion.

He relinquished all PLENTY and in total poverty even his clothing was stripped away in utter nakedness.

He relinquished all PRESTIGE in the mockery, spitting and derision he received from all quarters.

He relinquished all POWER and freedom, being handed over again and again and then nailed to a cross.

But Jesus did not relinquish his finished PRODUCTIVE work in the cross, resurrection, and Spirit filling.

He did not relinquish his atoning PURPOSE and in establishing his church and kingdom of holy believers.

He did not relinquish his loving care for his PEOPLE and knew the consoling love of a few at the cross.

He did not relinquish the PONDERING mystery of His position as beloved Son of the Father.

He did not relinquish his desire to PLEASE and trust the will of the Father in all things, even the cross,

He did not relinquish his desire to thank and pray and PRAISE God in and through all things.

He did not give up his desire to return and unite with the Father in the glory of PARADISE.