

Two Foundational But Hidden Desires

There are 2 desires that we have built into us at creation which have been corrupted by The Fall and therefore manifest imperfectly. These are our desire for domination and for significance.

Domination

None of us like being dominated, controlled, coerced or manipulated unless we have been so severely damaged emotionally that we're incapable of resisting these. On the other hand, people like to be in charge, and to control others, as well as their circumstances. Even as children, without any parental training for it, toddlers start domination exercises and they also resist being told what to do. These actions are inherent in the child and in every adult.

These expressions can all be linked to the desire to dominate. That includes our controlling actions as well as our resistance to being dominated or controlled.

Where does this come from? What is the basis for a pro-dominance mindset.

The answer is in Genesis:

Genesis 1:26-28 (NKJV) – “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

We were created to have dominion. It was built into use, we didn't need to learn it. This is the same for being fruitful, to multiply, to live spiritually and the knowledge of God. These were installed in our being because we were made for these – everything is designed so that it can accomplish it's purpose.

According to the AMP Bible, the word 'dominion' here translates to: 'complete authority'.

According to the AMP Bible, the word 'subdue' here translates to: 'subjugate' or 'put under the power of'.

The Hebrew word translated as 'dominion' used is *radah*, meaning: “to tread down, i.e. subjugate; specifically, to crumble off; (come to, make to) have dominion, prevail against, reign, (bear, make to) rule,(-r, over), take.”¹

The Hebrew word translated as 'subdue' is *kabash* meaning: “to tread down; hence, negatively, to disregard; positively, to conquer, subjugate, violate: bring into bondage, force, keep under, subdue, bring into subjection.”²

These are all characteristics of kings and gods. So it's obvious now what God meant when he said “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness” – we are God's progeny, his sons. This is why Luke refers to Adam as “the son of God”³. We were created to rule planet Earth, not to be ruled by others or by a pretender known as Satan! We were created kings (and queens).

When we are restored through the spiritual birth by Holy Spirit, we are restored back to being sons and kings again.⁴

The Fall corrupted everything, including our mandate to rule. This manifests in selfish power and in rebellion.

1 – Strong's Hebrew Lexicon (www.elyiah.com/cgi-bin/strongs.cgi?file=hebrewlexicon&isindex=dominion)

2 – Strong's Hebrew Lexicon (www.elyiah.com/cgi-bin/strongs.cgi?file=hebrewlexicon&isindex=subdue)

3 – Luke 3:38

4 – 1 Peter 2:9; Revelation 1:6; 5:10; Luke 20:36; Romans 9:26; Galatians 3:26

For Kingdom sons, therefore, it's time to recognise when we are soulishly controlling or rebelling that we need to let our spirit take charge of our being, in concert with Holy Spirit, and divert that energy into ruling for the Kingdom as we were meant to do. This will start our journey to fulfilling this primal desire to operate as a king on the Earth while being about Father's business.

Significance

Every person yearns for significance or greatness. They endeavour to fill this desire by working at becoming great in society, or becoming evil and being well know for atrocious activity. Others are driven to have ongoing projects, going from project to project trying to satisfy this deep desire.

Others desire to leave a legacy so that when they're dead they have contributed something lasting to the world. It has been said that 3 ways this can be done is by: planting a tree, fathering children or writing a book. There are a myriad of other ways people choose to leave a legacy.

It is extremely sad to say that most people never feel they have fulfilled this desire by the time of their old age or death. Many younger people commit suicide because of the oppressive feeling of failure because they realise that they don't amount to anything or cannot do anything worthwhile.

Where does all this hidden desire for significance come from? It's so strong, it must have a deep seat in us.

Every person came from the realm of Heaven as a spirit being and was placed inside a body. Before leaving the presence of Father, they were given a set of assignments to do while they are alive on Earth. These tasks were recorded on a spiritual scroll and placed inside their spirit. It's this knowledge in their spirit-man that is driving each of us to achieve and to do. There's a drive to perform, but we don't know why.

The Fall corrupted the outworking of the desire to complete of Father's assignments and it ends up being directed into self-satisfaction – satisfying the desire by doing what we want or we think we're supposed to do. That means there is almost no fulfilment of Father's plans in the lives of people.

When we are born of the Spirit our spirit is rejuvenated and re-birthed so that we now become aware of spiritual matters – including our intention to be 'on assignment'. Most believers haven't worked out that that undercurrent of restlessness to do things of significance has been placed in their spirit by our Creator so that when we connect with him we can begin our works campaign.

So how do we find out about our life's assignments?

There are 2 ways, both requiring an intimate relationship with God and the quietness of an extended quiet time:

1. Ask Father what they are and wait for him to show you
2. Ask the Spirit or Jesus to show you your scroll

Either way, these are essential if we wish to reach our true destiny and accomplish why we were placed on this planet.

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