Want To

Ken Chapman · 1 Corinthians 9:23–27

INTRODUCTION

- To do something truly great, it takes tremendous desire and a want to.
- To truly serve God in the way that we ought to, it requires want to.
- Paul said, I wanted it. And anybody who studied the life of the apostle Paul could say, Paul had the want to.

1 A Hesitancy to Change

John 5:39; Acts 11:2; Acts 11:17–18

- Here are three things that will kill your want to. One is a hesitancy to change.
- You search the scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life, and these are they which testify of me, but you are not willing to come to me that you may have life.
- If therefore God gave them the same gift as he gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?
- When the evidence, the biblical evidence is laid out for us that we can say, okay, I'm wrong. And I'll change.

2 The Reluctance to Pay the Price

Matthew 19

- Another thing that will kill our want to is the reluctance to pay the price.
- Go sell everything you have and give it to the poor, and then come and follow me.
- He didn't have this burning desire that he was willing to pay the price.
- Do you want that eternal life? Do you want that relationship with God more than anything?

3 Fear of Suffering

Galatians 6:12

- The third thing that will kill our want to our fear of suffering.
- As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.
- It wasn't just a reluctance to give up their old ways, it was a fear of suffering.
- Have I bit my tongue, silence the gospel because I didn't want to suffer for the cross of Christ?

4 If We Separate Church From Life

James 1:27

- We don't have this true desire to serve God above everything else if we separate church from life.
- Our Christianity is seamless, that it affects and it's a part of every facet of our lives.

- Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this, to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.
- Our pure and undefiled religion, is a seven day a week exercise.

5 When We Fail to Apply What We Know

James 1:22–24

- When we're taught something, but we fail to make application of that in our lives.
- But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourself.
- The point of a mirror is to show you the flaws and the corrections so that you can make them.
- Making an application of what you know is a sign that you really are serious about this Christianity.

6 We Stop Growing and Stop Improving

- Another sign that our want to is not where it ought to be that we stop growing and we stop improving.
- Do not let the best you've ever done be the standard for the rest of your life. Strive to do more and to be better.
- If we truly want to please God, to be like God, and to spend an eternity with Him, we will ever strive to get better.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **I want to challenge myself to take this seriously. To once and for all say, I mean it when I say I'm a child of God.**

MY NOTES