



Philip K. Hardin, M.A., M. Div.
President of Business & Professional Outreach, Intl.
Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist, Licensed Professional Counselor, and Certified Life Coach
563 Johnson Avenue - Fairhope, Alabama 36532 OR 1755 Lelia Drive – Suite 105 – Jackson, MS 39216
Email: phil@bpointl.org - Website: www.bpointl.org & www.hardinlife.com - Phone: 601-925-0707

DATE: March 30, 2026 - Series: Desire: What Do You Want? Title: Beauty – Desire Made Manifest

Summary: We are people of longing from the beginning.

Resource: *The Journey of Desire* by John Eldredge. *The Seven Desires of Every Heart* by Mark & Debra Laaser. *The Soul of Desire* by Curt Thompson.

DESIRE: C.S. Lewis said, “Our problem is not that we desire too much, but that we desire too little. Our appetites are not too big; they’re too small. Desire was given to us as a good and holy gift. Underneath all our longings is the desire to be known—and what’s more, that this fundamental yearning manifests itself in our deep need to make things of beauty, revealing who we are to others. Desire and beauty go hand in hand. But both our craving to be known and our ability to create beauty have been marred by trauma and shame, collapsing our imagination for what God has for us and blinding us to the possibility that beauty could ever emerge from our ashes. This study will offer a powerful picture of the capacity of the believing community to reshape our imagination, hold our desires and griefs together, and invite us into the beauty of God’s presence.

Desire: Beauty-Desire Made Manifest.

1. _____ We are meant to begin each day with the practice of putting ourselves in the path of oncoming beauty (Romans 13:11-14).
2. _____ Move away from trying to fix your problems and use your mind to regulate your life. Imagine no longer trying to “fix your problems” but you are endeavoring to create a masterpiece. Be aware of the 9 domains of integration of them the mind: consciousness, vertical, horizontal, memory, narrative, state, interpersonal, temporal, and Transpirational.
3. _____ Being in community leads to the development of secure attachment, primarily through providing the opportunity for participants to be seen, soothed, safe, and secure, and bolsters the social engagement system while enabling participants to widen their windows of tolerance, which prevents them from moving into reactivity – states of hyper- or hypo-arousal. These processes hinge of participation in a setting where the deep desire to be known is met.
4. _____ We are created to be known in order that we might further steward and create beauty—which in turn cycles back to deepen the relational process of being known. Beauty welcomes us in the sense that it is invitational, vulnerable, and unhurried. It tells us we are wanted in its presence. See John 20:28.
5. _____ Before John penned his Gospel, he first had to see, behold, and gaze upon the glory/beauty of Jesus (John 1:1-5; 9-14). The beauty of the Word was what first captivated the author, long before he “understood” who he was dealing with or what he was getting himself into.



God sees us not as problems to be solved or broken objects to be repaired but as beauty on the way to being transformed.