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Desire means to will, to have in mind, to intend, to resolve or determine, to take desire and pleasure in.

Christ and the Law

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John 17:24

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Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.

Romans 10:1

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But earnestly desire the best gifts.
And yet I show you a more excellent way.

1 Corinthians 12:31

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Philippians 1:23

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The desire for the church to pray.

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I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere,
lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

1 Timothy 2:8

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2 Timothy 3:12

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Hebrews 11:16

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What is your desire in regards to being great
in the kingdom of heaven?

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And what are you prepared to do about it?

