1 Peter 1:14-16 *(NLT) So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to SATISFY your own desires. You didn't know any better then. [15] But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. [16] For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."*

***Mere Christianity C. S. Lewis: "What Satan put into the heads of our remote ancestors was the idea that they could "be like gods" - could set up on their own as if they had created themselves - be their own masters - invent some sort of happiness for themselves outside God, apart from God. And out of that hopeless attempt has come nearly all that we call human history - money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery - the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy.   ...The reason why it can never succeed is this. God made us: invented us as a man invents a machine. A car is made to run on petrol, and it would not run properly on anything else. Now God designed the human race to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other. That is why it is just no good asking God to make us happy in our own way without bothering about religion. God cannot give us happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing.**"** (p 49-50)

It is impossible to find lasting joy and satisfaction in things: money, power, recreation, job, food, alcohol, or drugs. It is just as hard to find long term fulfillment and happiness in sinful relationships and pornography. God created us to function best when He is at the center of our lives. He is the only one that can fully satisfy ALL that we long for.

PRAYER: Lord, God help me to turn to You and You alone to satisfy all my longings. Help me to look to You alone to meet all my needs. Help me to live a life dedicated to You.

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