

The Difference Between

Want To &

Ought To



2 Corinthians 8:7-12

Colossians 3:1-3, 17

¹If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. ²Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. ³For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God...¹⁷And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.



Christians Are Changed People

1 Timothy 3:15

but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.



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Philippians 3:18-19

¹⁸For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

¹⁹whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame – who set their mind on earthly things.



“Want To” Is Basically Selfish

2 Timothy 4:10

...Demas has forsaken me,
having loved this present world



“Want To” Is Basically Selfish

2 Corinthians 12:14-15

¹⁴Now for the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be burdensome to you; for I do not seek yours, but you. For the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. ¹⁵And I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I am loved.



“Ought To” Puts Others First

Proverbs 7:21-23

²¹With her enticing speech she caused him to yield, with her flattering lips she seduced him. ²²Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, or as a fool to the correction of the stocks, ²³till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird hastens to the snare, he did not know it would cost his life.



“Want To” Doesn’t Consider The Consequences

Proverbs 4:25-27

²⁵Let your eyes look straight ahead, and your eyelids look right before you. ²⁶Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established. ²⁷Do not turn to the right or the left; remove your foot from evil.



“Ought To” Looks Ahead

Genesis 25:31-34

³¹ But Jacob said, “Sell me your birthright as of this day.” ³² And Esau said, “Look, I am about to die; so what is this birthright to me?” ³³ Then Jacob said, “Swear to me as of this day.” So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴ And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils; then he ate and drank, arose, and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.



“Want To” Seeks Immediate Gratification

Hebrews 11:24-27

²⁴By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, ²⁶esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. ²⁷By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.



“Ought To” Will Delay Gratification

Philippians 3:7-8

⁷But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.



“Ought To” Involves Conversion Of Will

Ephesians 5:17

Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.



“Ought To” Involves Conversion Of Will

Acts 2:36

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.



“Ought To” Involves Conversion Of Will

1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear



“Ought To” Involves Conversion Of Will

2 Corinthians 5:9-11

⁹ Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. ¹¹ Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...



“Ought To” Involves Conversion Of Will

Psalm 40:8

I delight to do Your will, O my God,
And your law is within my heart



The Greatest Joy

*Will you now do
what you know
you "ought to" do?*

