

BECAUSE I WANT TO. To desire; Wish; Long for.

INTRODUCTION:

1. BECAUSE I WANT TO has been the retreat or haven in which many have met defeat.
2. Many of us have not better authority for our action than BECAUSE I WANT TO.
3. We sometimes buttress BECAUSE I WANT TO with I DO NOT SEE ANY HARM IN IT. It is nearly always impossible for us TO SEE ANY HARM in anything that we WANT TO DO.
John 9:39-41; 12:40 - matt. 12:13

WHAT THE NEW TESTAMENT IS NOT

1. It list very few of "thou shalt's and thou shalt not's"
2. Yet twenty-one of its twenty-seven books were written to teach us how to live before God.
3. A book entitled SOME DO'S and DON'TS for the Christ-ism. We jump on the study of the DO'S and pay little attention to the DON'TS for it is in this realm that ~~we~~ move under the SOPHISM: BECAUSE ~~we~~ WANT TO.

EXAMPLES:

1. Eve ate the forbidden fruit, BECAUSE I WANT TO.
 1. Eve omits God's name when recording his liberality.
 2. She remembers and calls His name when reciting his restraint. Genesis 3:2-7
2. The Prodigal Son left home, BECAUSE I WANT TO.
 1. He could not see any sin in doing what I WANT TO DO
 2. He could not see any sin in leaving home and going into the far country. BECAUSE THAT WAS WHAT HE WANTED TO DO!
 3. Though he could not see any harm in leaving home going into a far country: LIVING LIKE THE WORLD, that decision led him to ruin. Luke 15:11-32
3. Samson: "Get her for me, for she pleaseth me." This reveals the spirit that led Samson always downward. Judges 14:3 j James 1:13-16
 1. Because he wanted Delilah Samson lost:
 1. His strength. 2. He lost his eyes. ENTICED
 3. His freedom; became enslaved. 4. His life DEATH

LUST

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