

## **“Being Honest About Your Heroes**

Psalm 5:1-3

Tuesday Bible Lunch

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**Introduction:** When I was a young boy and then as a teenager, I had my heroes. You probably had your heroes. One of my hero's was the Long Ranger. Back then he came on each Thursday night. Another one of my heroes was number 8 on the New York Yankees-- Yogi Berra.

He was a good baseball player, he played catcher, but what made him famous was his quirky sayings. They made him a celebrity.

- His most famous saying was “It ain’t over till it’s over.”
- Another was, “I always thought that record would stand until it was broken.”
- Sometimes he denied having said some of the things he was quoted as having said. When confronted about this he would say, “I really didn’t say everything I said.”

Even though all of us are grown, we have our heroes. Whoever or whatever we desire most to spend our time with is one of our heroes. This leads me to what I want to talk about today.

**Today’s Lesson: Whoever or whatever we desire most to spend our time with is one of our heroes.**

- The key phrase “desire most to spend time with” is the key.
- All of us have things we must do.
- It is what we desire most to do that reveals who our heroes are.

### **Examples:**

1. Some people’s desire is their **work**. Even when they are at home physically, they are not really at home.
2. Some people’s desire is **recreation**. It may be golf or fishing or whatever.
3. Some people’s desire is **entertainment**. They live for football, or baseball, basketball, or whatever.

These things and endless others can become our heroes. None of them are bad **unless** they become the “main thing.” The “main thing” needs to be God.

**T.S.** The Psalmist captures this in Psalm 5:1-3

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- What the Psalmist desire most was intimacy with God.
- This was what Jesus most desired (Mark 1:35).

**Application:** The key is “to desire most” intimacy with God. It is one thing to read the Bible, pray, go to church, but a very different thing to want to read the Bible, pray and go to church.

**Illustration:** The Psalmist figured this out when he said, “You, Lord know every one of my deepest desires...” (Psalm 38:9). The NLT perhaps says it best: “You know what I long for Lord... (Psalm 38:9).

**Conclusion:** God knows your heart. He knows what you desire most. **His desire is that you make Him your desire. God wants to be your hero.**

**What I have learned about spending time with God is that the more time that I spend time with God the more I want to spend time with God.**

Sometimes I do not spend as much time with God as I want to. When this happens, I need to ask myself why. It may be a lack of discipline. It may be an overload of responsibilities.

When we lose our desire to spend time with God, something or someone other than God has become our hero. Something or someone has become our God. The very thing God told us first not to let happen.

“You shall have no other gods before Me” (Exodus 20:3).