

WHAT DO YOU DELIGHT IN?

Psalms 37:4, Be delighted in with the Lord, then He will give all your heart's desires. LB

How quickly we want to read this and then run off and lay down some request before the Lord and wait to get our desires granted. Yet, that is not at all what this verse declares or says. In a very real sense this is a recipe for the best of God's blessings, but as in any good recipe, there is no shortcut. Have you ever tried some dish only to find that the cook had taken a shortcut? It was evident by the taste of the desert. Sadly, we want this verse granted but we do not look at it closely, intently, seriously with deep meditation. God means what He says in this verse, but we must see what He says as well. For God to grant the desires of our heart, the focus of our heart must never be on having our desires. God doesn't say, delight in your desires. Did you get that? Did that soak into the fiber of your mind? We have so many desires that we work up some powerful emotions and feelings only to realize little happen in our prayer life because we don't delight in the Lord. But how do we are we delighted in the Lord? Ask yourself this question- What happens when you are delighted in things in this earthly life? When we are delighted in some sport, we will found spending time playing, watching or reading about that sport. For a person who delights in shopping, that person will get away to shop as time dictates. When we are delighted in something, we will expend our mind thinking about it, we will expend our energies on it, and we will expend our moneys in that direction. Now what does it mean to be delighted in the Lord? To be delighted in the Lord means that we spend our mind thinking about Him, probably some portion or nugget of His Word. To delight in the Lord is to enjoy thinking of His loving kindness, His wonderful forgiveness, His awesome nature. To delight in the Lord is to enjoy being in His company whether in public or in private. When there is a delight to know the Lord, there is a delight to be in His house, not for religious purposes, but to sit and listen as God's servant preaches about Him, talks about Him, leads us in deeper knowledge of Him. Sadly, the great tragedy is that most of the time our delight is not in the Lord, but our delight is in some desire that He can give us. How sad to treat the God of the universe as a mere Holy bellhop. Do you see why the desires for many don't come. The question that is imperative is this- are your desires coming for you. If not why not? The question that I must always ask, Is my delight in the Lord? When we reach the point of being delighted simply to be in His company without wanting a thing save to know Him, His intimacy, His ways, then we have come to the point of delighting in Him, and you will slowly notice that your desires will fall in line with His will because you will consciously be aware that you don't want anything but what He wants.