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Delight in the Lord

Psalm 37:4 is a verse that is often misunderstood. Many Christians believe this verse teaches that if we delight in the Lord, He will give us what we want. That is not what this verse is teaching. The key to understanding this verse is to recognize that when a person delights in the Lord, the Lord becomes the desire of their heart. In other words, when we delight in the Lord, the Lord gives Himself to us. It is in fact a description of the life of a true believer.

C. H. Spurgeon, when commenting on this verse, said, “Ungodly persons and mere professors never look on faith as a joyful thing; to them it is service, duty, or necessity, but never pleasure or delight. If they attend to religion at all, it is either that they may gain thereby, or else because they dare not do otherwise. The thought of delight in religion is so strange to most men that no two words in their language stand father apart than holiness and delight.” What about you? Does this describe your attitude toward church, God, or religion? Do you see it merely as a duty or an obligation? God wants our faith to be a source of joy. Not just in our gathering together, but in our worship of Him. Do you take joy or delight in spending time with the Lord in your personal devotional life or in corporate worship?

Psalm 1:2 says of the blessed man, “But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.” The blessed man is the happy man. Psalm 40:8 “I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.” As you consider the future direction of your life, to what degree do you consider the will of God? Seeking to do the will of God ought to be our highest priority, our single goal. Yet many people plan their days and their life without any consideration for the will of God.

Seven times in Psalm 119, the psalmist mentions delighting in God’s Word (Read Psalm 119 and see if you can find them all.). To delight in the Lord is to delight in His Word and in doing His Will. Only then will our heart be in tune with God and only then will we find true joy and satisfaction. Don’t settle for the Satan’s and the world’s cheap imitations. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33). Learn to delight in the Lord.