

## **“I DELIGHT TO DO THY WILL, O MY GOD”**

**Ps. 40:8**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

- 1. DELIGHT means: “To be pleased with”, to “have pleasure”, “enjoyment”.**
- 2. We find it difficult to do the things in which we find no pleasure.**
- 3. We find it is EASY to do the things we enjoy and delight in.**
- 4. Happy is the man who enjoys doing RIGHT.**
- 5. Not many people will continue year after year doing the things they dislike.**
- 6. If doing God’s WILL is distasteful, and requires a lot of determination to do it over a long period of time, the average person will not succeed.**

**(1) This is the reason that many fail.**

- 7. So, it is very important that we learn the value of finding DELIGHT in doing God’s will, and how we may cultivate that delight.**
- 8. Matt. 5:6; I Pet. 2:2; Ps. 1:2; Ps. 119: 97, 24 “...thy testimonies also are my delight...”**

### **I. DELIGHT WILL CAUSE US TO SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES. Acts 17:11**

- 1. Our text pictures a man who finds his chief delight in doing the will of God. Ps. 40:8 “*I delight to do thy will, O my God:...*” John 15: 10**
- 2. Too many people look upon their relationship to the church as a necessary, solemn duty to be ENDURED; they know that a certain amount of time, effort and money must be expended in that direction, but it is not their chief delight. Matt. 6:33; Ps. 122:1**
- 3. Their chief delight is the FIELDS of recreation, entertainment, annual vacations, and other things.**
- 4. Those who delight in doing the will of God:**

**(1) Will constantly STUDY the Word. II Tim. 2:15; I Tim. 4:13; I Pet. 2:2**

**(2) The Word is sweet to his taste. Ps. 119: 103; Ps. 19:10; I Pet. 2:3**

**(3) They SEARCH the scriptures daily. Acts 17:11; Eph. 5:17**

**(4) They will be able to discern both good and evil. Heb. 5:14; Is. 5:20**

**5. Those who delight in doing the will of God will desire to always fulfill their responsibility to the church and: (Ps. 27:4)**

**(1) ATTEND Bible study. II Pet. 1:5 “Add knowledge”; Ps. 119; 104**

**(2) WORSHIP. John 4: 23 – 24**

**(3) INVITE others to come. Rev. 22: 17**

**(4) GIVE. I Cor. 16:2**

**(5) ENCOURAGE the work. Acts 14:22**

## **II. DELIGHT WILL REMOVE DISTRACTIONS**

**1. The WORLD and the DEVIL will surround us with distracting elements to keep us from doing the will of God.**

**(1) A man’s business and work may become a distracting element. Mk. 4:19**

**(2) The pleasures of this life. Lk. 8:14; II Tim. 3:4 “Lovers of pleasures”**

**(3) Social life. I Cor. 15:33**

**(4) Family. Lk. 9: 59 – 62; Matt. 10:37**

**(5) Sinful things within themselves:**

**A. Drinking. I Pet. 4:3**

**B. Fornication. I Cor. 6:18; I Thess. 4:3**

**C. Gambling – gambling is where you pay so much to play, in hope of winning a great deal more.**

**a. Gambling produces nothing – it has no productive purposes**

**b. What about the giving of prizes to promote business? A firm gives away goods for advertising and receives a good return in advertising value; commerce and industry are promoted.**

#### **D. Murmuring and strife. Phil. 2: 12, 14**

**2. A genuine delight in doing the will of God can guard us from these distracting influences.**

**(1) Ps. 119:11 “*Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee...*”**

**3. Delight in doing God’s will not only helps us meet temptation, it removes them from us.**

**4. If we delight in doing the will of God, we will not allow distracting things to get in our way.**

#### **III. DELIGHT IN DOING GOD’S WILL, WILL INSURE CONSISTENCY.**

**1. Humanity is prone to be inconsistent – hot today and cold tomorrow.**

**2. Laodicea – lukewarm. Rev. 3: 14 – 19**

**3. Ephesus had left its first love. Rev. 2: 1 – 5**

**4. Delight in doing the will of God helps in keeping us from feeling the pull of the world.**

**5. Finding our pleasure in doing the will of God, we will be consistent in doing it.**

#### **IV. DELIGHT WILL INSURE ABUNDANT SERVICE.**

**1. People who delight in doing God’s will can be found regularly in the assemblies. Heb. 10:25**

**2. Those who do not delight will come from time to time out of a sense of duty.**

**3. Those who delight in doing the will of God will GIVE LIBERALLY of their money for the support of the gospel. II Cor. 8:2; II Cor. 9:7**

**4. One who delights in doing the will of God will accept a place of responsibility in the church.**

#### **V. DELIGHT CAN BE CULTIVATED.**

**1. This delight is obtained by reading and studying the Bible, thinking the thoughts of God.**

**(1) I Pet. 2:2; II Tim. 2:15; I Tim. 4:13**

**(2) Ps. 1:2**

**2. Frequent prayer helps us cultivate a delight in doing God's will.**

**(1) I Thess. 5:17**

**(2) II Thess. 3:1**

**(3) Phil. 4:6**

**(4) James 1:4**

**3. We cultivate delight by doing the will of God. Matt. 7:21**

**(1) We do not learn to delight in doing the will of God by watching others do it. James 1: 22 – 25**

**(2) We must be busy doing. I Cor. 15: 58; Phil. 2:12**

**CONCLUSION:**

**1. Can you truly say to God, "*I delight to do thy will, O my God*" ?**

**2. Are you here and have never done the will of God?**

**3. Won't you start now?**