

The Christian's Delights

The Scripture tells us what our delights should be

Let's examine our life and see where our delights are centered

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We go after what we are delighted in

Satan is very clever- he is at work to change our delights (what we enjoy) and thereby pulling the Christian away from doing what pleases and honors God

"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, **and a tree to be desired** to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." Gen. 3:6

Delight comes first followed by desire

AND THE WOMAN SAW- She had delight in what she saw and desired what she saw
The woman failed; Disobeyed God.

The Apostle Paul described Christians as "who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Romans 8:1-13

No wonder, the Apostle Peter warns Christians-

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour: (1 Peter 5:8)

He 'devours' when he succeeds in changing our focus, our love for God or what we delight in

As a believer in Christ, let these be your delight

1. Delight in God

“Delight thyself also in the LORD: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.” Ps. 37:4

“He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.” Ps. 22:8

“And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation.” Ps. 35:9

“I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God.” Is.61:10

2. Delight in God' Word.

"Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." Ps. 1:1-2

"Blessed is the man that fears the Lord, that delights greatly in his commandments." Ps. 112:1

9 verses in Psalms 119 about testimonies of godly men delighting in the Word of God

Paul- "For I delight in the law of God after the inward man." Rom. 7:22

3. Delight to Do God's Will

"I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." Ps. 40:8

See the connection here- readiness to do God's will is connected with "thy law is within my heart."

4. Delight in Prayer

“The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord: but the **prayer of the upright is his delight**

Prayer of Solomon (for wisdom) comes to mind
We know God is delighted in prayers because
He has promised to hear and answer our
prayers.

He also said the ‘prayer of a righteous man is effective and powerful.’ James 5:16

So, how about our delights and desires?
Are we in line with what the scripture teaches?
That is, we are able to say confidently

1. I find my delight (joy) in the Lord
2. I am delighted in the reading, hearing,
meditating of God's holy word
3. I find great delight (joy) in doing God's
will- what pleases Him the Most
- And 4. I am delighted to pray because God is
delighted in the prayers of an upright person

Or, do we say-

I know what the Scripture is saying

But, I am not there. I want to, but for sure I am not there yet.

I am controlled mostly by my selfish (carnal) desires

I WANT TO CHANGE

I yield myself to God and pray, GOD CHANGE ME

I want to find my joy (delight) in what brings YOU

the the most joy

HELP ME LORD. AMEN