

Delighting in Jesus is our most important assignment



Delight yourself in YHWH and He will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4

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The following paragraph from an old article by David Wilkerson is one of my favorites:

- Delighting in Jesus means simply being able to say: 'I would rather be with Jesus than with anyone else on earth! I prefer His company even over that of my spouse, my family, my friends. I would rather spend time with Him than with anybody else. He is my delight! It also means being able to say, 'I long to be shut in with Him—because He is the only One who can satisfy me. All others leave me empty and unfulfilled. No one but Jesus can touch my deepest needs....If we truly delight in Him, everything that hinders us from coming to Him will bother us. We'll grow

lonely, heartsick for Him, knowing that nothing else can touch or fill that deep spot in our hearts. No prayer can be wholly pleasing to Him until He is assured we come to Him because we prefer Him.

It is easy for me to let my focus slip from delighting in Him. But, if I'm delighting in Him, everything else goes better--even if my external circumstances don't change. I'm a softer, gentler father; I'm a more sensitive, loving husband; I'm a kinder, more patient person. I'm just generally a lot more fun to be around when I'm delighting in Yeshua. When my heart is softened by being with and connecting with Him, everything goes better. I remember the analogy of a married couple on their honeymoon hearing news of their car breaking down back at their home. In that honeymoon environment, the couple really doesn't care about other problems, because they are naturally more focused on loving each other and being together. How much more will this be true of us as we draw near to the God of the universe. The things that have us down won't matter as much as we delight ourselves in Him.

So how do you cultivate or take the initial steps towards delighting in Him?--this is especially relevant if you feel far from Him right now

- **Schedule time** daily to spend with Him (you will not have the set-apart abiding time with Him if you don't schedule it)
- **Worship Him** and honestly talk to Him during this time (use prayer lists or Bible verses if you need vocabulary for this time)
- **Realize He loves you** and you have free access to Him because of His blood shed for you (Hebrews 4:15-16). Meditate on and think about this great love that He has for you. Thank Him for this love and ask Him for a greater ability to feel this love in your heart. On a human level, we don't have a desire to spend time with someone who is angry or disappointed with us. Beloved, this is NOT how God feels about us. If we realize (in even a very small way) that He loves us, we'll run to Him and not from Him in times of trouble.
- **Access resources that help with this.** If you're stuck, I recommend availing yourself of others who have a strong anointing in this area. I highly recommend Mike Bickle's series on *Cultivating a First*

Commandment Lifestyle. I guarantee that if you listen to this 8 lesson series and apply the principles that you will grow in the grace of Delighting in Yeshua. The series can be found here: <https://mikebickle.org/series/cultivating-a-first-commandment-lifestyle-2019/>

Father produce in us a greater measure of this kind of love and longing for Yeshua. Bring conviction where we have backslid from You as our exceedingly great Delight! Do a greater work in our hearts so that we'll run to You and long to be with You in a greater way. Change our hearts and make us more like You.