

DELIGHT THYSELF IN THE LORD

Psalm 37:4

To *delight* ourselves in the Lord means that our heart truly will find peace and fulfillment in Him. Our satisfaction and worth are found in Him. The idea in this verse is that when we rejoice or are happy in the things of God, our desires will begin to parallel His desires.

REJOICE

I Thessalonians 5:16 (Spiritual Joy) – Means to experience happiness and gladness to a high degree; to be exhilarated with lively and pleasurable sensations. God wants us to be joyful at all times.

Psalm 5:11 God says that all who love and put their trust in Him should rejoice because He defends and protects all those that are part of the family of God.

I Peter 1:3-6 We are encouraged to rejoice even in times of trials because God has saved us and keeps us safe, and because we have waiting for us in heaven a great inheritance from God our Father.

BIBLE

II Timothy 2:15; 3:15 God gave us His word so all people can be saved and understand who God is and worship and love Him. We must take the bible as absolute truth and learn and practice its truths.

Romans 10:17; I Peter 2:2 Most believers want more faith but do not go to the source in order for their faith to grow. Peter gives the illustration of new born babes desiring to be fed in order to grow up!

Luke 24:27; John 5:46 As we read the bible, O. T. or N. T., we should read it with the idea that it leads us directly or indirectly to the person of Jesus Christ because He is the central point of the bible.

PRAYER

I Thessalonians 5:17 We are exhorted to pray all the time. God speaks to us through His word, we speak to Him through prayer. Fellowship with God depends on a two way communication system.

I Timothy 2:1-4 We need to pray for friends, family, neighbors and church members. Pray for our political leaders, our nation and Israel. Pray for salvation of the lost and spiritual power to the pastor.

Matthew 6:9-13 Jesus taught us that through prayer we praise God, we make our requests known to Him, we ask forgiveness and ask for protection against the evil of this world.

THANKSGIVING

I Thessalonians 5:18 We are told to give thanks for everything. Most of us have a difficult time giving thanks for a tragedy, a bad conference with the doctor or when the hot water heater blows up.

Philippians 4:6 Sometimes it may be that we are so long a time away from talking to God that He allows something hurtful to come into our lives in order for us to talk to Him?? Prayer must be bathed with a thankful heart because He is in total control and nothing happens to us without Him knowing.

Hebrews 13:15 In this verse we notice that praise, or joy along with prayer and thankfulness all are acceptable spiritual sacrifices that we offer up to God.

SEPARATION

I Thessalonians 5:22 There must not be anything we say or do that others might see as evil in us.

II Corinthians 6:14-18; Matthew 5:16 As believers our walk should be a walk of faith and a walk that is contrary to the walk of the world. Friends, family and others should see Jesus in our life.