



How to Get What You Want and Want What You Get Psalm 37:4-6

We will always invest in what we delight in.

⁴ Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Text Message:

o What we delight in, we will invest in:

- 1) We will gladly pay money for it.
- 2) We will gladly prioritize our time for it.
- 3) We will gladly think about it.
- 4) We will gladly give our energies to it.

o Here's how Jesus directs our delights:

"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." Mark 12:30

o To delight ourselves in the LORD does not mean:

- 1) We quit our responsibilities to read our Bibles and pray all day- even monks have employment!
- 2) We give up all interests or hobbies- even Jesus' disciples fished and traveled! 😊

o Similarly, we abide in Jesus not by escaping from the world but by inviting Jesus into the daily grind of work and rest, making decisions, the magnificent and mundane.

o But abiding in Jesus like this will always begin with desire!

We have no greater joy than to delight in the LORD!

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Text Message:

- o Think back to a time when you delighted in something, only to be disappointed and let down...
- o Today, it is widespread in our world of people getting what they want but not wanting what they get!
- o This verse is not the promise of getting whatever we want but wanting what we get in Christ!
- o All earthbound delights have diminishing returns, while the joy of delighting in Christ remains:
"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full." John 15:11, NKJV
- o While it is true that we will invest in what we delight in, there are some things we must first invest into experience delight:
 - 1) There are things that provide immediate yet short-term delight. Name some: _____.
 - 2) There are things that provide eventual yet long-term delight. Name some: _____.

We delight in the LORD in choosing His best over what is good.

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

Text Message:

- o We abide in Jesus by turning our attention to Him regularly throughout the day.
- o This verse provides a vital dimension to abiding in Christ:
 - 1) Commit your way to Him.
Committing our way is not simply advice for big life decisions, but in seeking and surrendering to Christ in the day-to-day moments of life.
 - 2) Trust in Him.
Abiding in Christ and committing our way to Him requires a Step of faith, but the answer will be seen (Verse 6)!