

## How to Get What You Want

Psalm 37:1-7, I John 5:13-16

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- What if you had a genie? Not just 3 wishes. Lives in your house. What would you wish for?
- Riches?
- All the chocolate you could ever eat?
- A yacht? A fleet?
- An army of servants?
- For your team to win the Super Bowl? (For some of you that may happen today.)
- Prestige and power?
- Revenge?

Our OT Reading tells us how to get what you want!

1. Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.

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

2. People delight themselves in the lesser things.

Isaiah 63:3b ... ***They have chosen their own ways, and their souls delight in their abominations.***

Romans 3:10-12 ***As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; 11 there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. 12 All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."***

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I John 5:14-15 ***This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of Him.***

- As we learn to pray, we learn to listen to God and pray God's will.
- We participate in what God is doing.

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- God's will for us is always good.
- "God loves you and has a difficult plan for your life." I prefer "challenging."
- Delighting in God involves seeking God with all our hearts. Complete dedication to that goal.
  
- The best way to take a bone from a ferocious dog is to throw him a steak!
- Sometimes I just sit and enjoy being happy.
- → John Terech's story. (Director of Operations)

TR So how do we delight ourselves in the Lord?

4. We delight in the Lord when we trust Him.

Psalm 37:4-5 ***Delight yourself in the LORD and He will give you the desires of your heart. 5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him and He will do this.***

- Trust leads to obedience.
- It means doing things God's way instead of our way.

5. We delight in God when we obey Him.

Isaiah 58:13-14 ***"If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the LORD's holy day honorable, and if you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words, 14 then you will find your joy [delight] in the LORD, and I will cause you to ride on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob." The mouth of the LORD has spoken.***

6. We delight in the Lord through Scripture.

Psalm 1:1-2 ***Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.***

- 70% of pastors say they only spend time studying God's Word when they are preparing their sermons.

Jeremiah 23:22 ***But if they had stood in my council, they would have proclaimed my words to my people and would have turned them from their evil ways and from their evil deeds.***

7. We delight in God when we praise Him.

Psalm 43:4-5 ***Then will I go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight. I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God. 5 Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.***

- “You awaken us to delight in praising You, for You have made us for Yourself.”  
– St. Augustine

8. We delight in the Lord when we remain or abide in Christ.

John 15:7 ***If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.***

John 6:56 ***Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him.***

9. We delight in the Lord when we restore our relationship with God.

Revelation 2:4-5 ***Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. 5 Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.***

- Dana’s sermon to Presbytery of Florida, “You’ve Lost that Loving Feeling”
  - Remember
  - Repent
  - Re-do
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- I couldn’t sing “In Christ Alone”

So today I invite you – No, God invites us – to spend time delighting ourselves in the Lord.

We’ll start by just singing to Him  
And sharing Holy Communion.

Continue by living a life of trust, spending time in His Word, obeying Him etc.

Begin now to “Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

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Para obtener lo que se quiere

Salmo 37:1 -7, I Juan 5:13-16

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Cómo

1. Deléitate en el Señor y él te los deseos de su corazón.
2. Salmo 37:4 deleitarse en el Señor y él te dará las peticiones de tu corazón.

Isaías 63:3 Ellos han escogido sus propios caminos, y se deleitan en sus abominaciones.

Romanos 3:10, como está escrito: "No hay un solo justo, ni aun uno; 11 no hay quien entienda, no hay uno que busca a Dios. 12 Todos se han alejado, han convertido en inútiles; no hay quien haga g

1. Las personas disfrutar de las cosas, ood, ni siquiera uno."
2. Deléitate en el Señor y Él los deseos de su corazón.
3. Yo Juan 5:14 Esta es la confianza que tenemos en él, que si pedimos alguna cosa conforme a su voluntad, él nos oye. 15 Y si sabemos que él nos oye en cualquiera cosa que demandáremos,

Jeremías 29:11-13 Porque yo sé los pensamientos que tengo acerca de vosotros, dice Jehová, pensamientos de paz, y no de mal, para dar esperanza y un futuro. 12, A continuación, tendrá que llamar a mí y venga y orar por mí, y voy a escuchar. 13 Y me buscaréis y hallaréis, porque me buscaréis de todo vuestro corazón.

Salmo 34:8 Gustad y ved qué bueno es el SEÑOR; dichoso el hombre que se refugia en él.

3. Nos deleitamos en el Señor cuando él. Salmo 37:4 deleitarse en el Señor y él te dará las peticiones de tu corazón. 5 Encomienda a Jehová tu camino, confía en Él, y él lo hará.

4. Nos deleite en Dios, cuando nosotros El.

Isaías 58:13 "Si se mantienen los pies de romper el SÁbado y por hacer lo que le plazca en mi día santo, que si el sábado una delicia y el señor día santo de su señoría, y si honor que por no ir a tu aire y no hacerlo como usted lo por favor o hablando palabras vanas, 14, a continuación, usted encontrará su alegría [alegría] en el SEÑOR, y os hará

que usted suba a la altura de la tierra y a la fiesta de la herencia de tu padre Jacob." La boca de Jehová ha hablado.

5. Nos deleitamos en el Señor a través de.

Salmo 1:1 Bienaventurado el varón que no anduvo en consejo de malos, ni estuvo en camino de pecadores, ni en silla de escarnecedores. 2 Pero está su delicia en la ley del SEÑOR, y en su ley medita de día y de noche.

Jeremías 23:22 pero si ellos hubieran estado en mi secreto, también hubieran hecho oír mis palabras a mi pueblo y les hubieran hecho volver de su mal camino y de la maldad de sus obras.

6. Nos deleite en Dios, cuando nosotros Le. Salmo 43:4 entonces yo ir al altar de Dios, a Dios, mi alegría y mi satisfacción. Te alabaré con arpa, oh Dios, mi Dios. 5 ¿Por qué estás deprimido, O mi alma? ¿Por qué tan alteradas dentro de mí? Pon tu esperanza en Dios, y todavía lo alabaré, mi Salvador y mi Dios. - "Usted despertando en nosotros deleite en la alabanza, para que nos han hecho para usted." –

San Agustín

7. Deleite en el Señor cuando estamos en Cristo. John 15:7 Si permanecéis en mí y mis palabras permanecen en vosotros, pedid todo lo que quisieréis, y os será hecho. Juan 6:56 El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre permanece en mí y yo en él.

8. Nos deleitamos en el Señor cuando estamos con Dios. Revelacion 2:4-5 Pero tengo contra ti que has dejado tu primer amor. 5 Recuerda la altura desde la que usted ha caído! Arrepentirse y hacer las cosas que en la primera. Si no se arrepienten, volveré a vosotros y quitaré tu candelero de su lugar.