

Doing What Pleases You

"I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart."

Psalm 40:8 (NIV)

When my younger grandson visits our home and plays games with me he always wants to be the hero and Grandpa must play the villain. He is a superhero who comes to the rescue and beats up the "bad guy".

Of course I accept the role he wants me to play and the game goes merrily on until he tires of rescuing people and chasing me away. Then we engage in some other game but always with the understanding that he must win.

I think all children are programmed the same way with a love for conquest and being the hero in the situation. When we grow up we still enjoy playing games and winning.

The man who wrote our verse for today speaks of

the joy that comes into his life because the Word of the Lord is hidden in his heart and his delight is to do the will of God – as it is expressed in God's "law".

This notion that joy comes from doing the will of someone else is well known to lovers. Someone who truly loves another seeks to learn what is pleasing to the loved one and then begin doing that very thing. Pleasure comes to the person in love as they give the loved one what they desire.

The more of God's "law" or Scripture you store away in your heart – the greater will be your desire to serve Him and help others to do the same. As you submit to the Lord's will for you, you shall discover that you enjoy doing what pleases the Lord.

Scripture, or "law" as the

Psalmist calls it, is the flashlight believers shine on the pathway of obedience to the will of God. Scripture is full of practical instruction on living the good life.

There is no greater joy in life than the joy of serving the Lord no matter where He leads you, no matter what He directs you to do. Take God seriously today and call on Him to give you pleasure in doing His will. There is no more satisfying work to do than the will of God. In obedience to God is everlasting joy and happiness. May your day today be filled with the joy of the Lord.

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