

Philippians 3:1 NIV

Further, my brothers and sisters, **rejoice in the Lord!** It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a **safeguard for you.**

Delight is a **function** of the spiritual life.

Delight is to encounter something good & allow its goodness to awaken us to what we want.

Experiencing Delight God's Way

Clarity Communion Courage Intentionality

Experiencing Delight The World's Way

You must be or act young, indulge, have knowledge, escape reality and find success.

Secondary Delight (Superficial Delight)

"When we determine what is good and rely on its goodness to satisfy us in the moment."

We can't offer God our true selves or experience true delight when we are steeped in **superficiality.**

Ecclesiastes 2:10–11 (NIV)

¹⁰ I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure.

My heart took delight in all my labor, and this was the reward for all my toil.

¹¹ Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun.

What if our **ruthless** pursuit of happiness has clouded our view of **God** and true **delight**?

1 Chronicles 16:8–11 (NIV)

⁸ **Give** praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; **make known** among the nations what he has done. ⁹

Sing to him, sing praise to him; **tell** of all his wonderful acts. ¹⁰ **Glory** in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord **rejoice.** ¹¹ **Look** to the Lord and his strength; **seek** his face always.

1 Chronicles 16:25–27 (NIV)

²⁵ For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. ²⁶ For all the gods of the nations are **idols**, but the Lord made the heavens. ²⁷ Splendor and majesty are before him; **strength** and **joy** are in his dwelling place.

1 Chronicles 17:1–6 (NIV)

17 After David was settled in his palace, he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of the covenant of the Lord is under a tent.”

² Nathan replied to David, “Whatever you have in mind, do it, for God is with you.”

³ But that night the word of God came to Nathan, saying:

⁴ “Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the Lord says: You are not the one to build me a house to dwell in. ⁵ I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought Israel up out of Egypt to this day. I have moved from one tent site to another, from one **dwelling place** to another. ⁶ Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their leaders whom I commanded to shepherd my people, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” ’ ”

1 Chronicles 17:11-14

‘I declare to you that the LORD will build a house for you: When your days are over and you go to be with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son. I will never take my love away from him, as I took it away from your predecessor. I will set him over my house and my kingdom forever; his throne will be established forever.’ ”

How you see **faith**, determines how you live within it.

How you see **delight**, determines whether or not you **truly find it**.

How you see **God**, determines how you seek **God**.

How we see God: Angry God. Amazon God. Antagonist God. Annoying God.

Three Questions:

1. Have you given God the authority to determine what is **good**?
2. Where are you **spending** your life?
3. In light of where your time is going, what is your faith really in?

Story from Mark chapter 5

Bottom Line:

The way we see God, determines our **ability** to experience true and lasting delight.

How do you see God?