

Delight Yourself In The Lord

Psalms 37:1-8

"They think it strange..."

- 1 Peter 4:1-6
 - Do others notice a difference in the way you act and yourselves?
- Often others look at a Christian and notice a life full of restrictions and wonder how anyone could enjoy "sacrificing" so much fun in this life.
- 1 Corinthians 15:31-32 (Isaiah 22:13)
 - "Let us eat and drink for tomorrow we die!"
- 2 Corinthians 6:1,4-5, 6-8, 8-11, **12-7:1**

Imagine a world:

- John Lennon's song *Imagine*, asked us to picture:
 - "Nothing to kill or die for, and no religion..."
 - "People living for today."
- This attitude puts self-love first in prominence and yet still expects a "brotherhood of man, sharing all the world in peace." (see James 4:1-5)
- Mark 12:28-34 – Jesus' response to the question of what is most important.

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- Verses 1-2,7,9-10 – Do not envy those that prosper yet behave wickedly.
- Ecclesiastes 2:1-11, 18-26 – Solomon considers the life devoted to worldly pleasure.
 - Ecclesiastes 5:10 – "He that loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; Nor he that loves abundance, with increase."

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- Verse 4 – Where does the righteous' ones joy and delight come from? Pleasing God.
 - Ecclesiastes 5:7; 5:20
- How? – Micah 6:6-8
 - Do Justly – Justice mentioned 20 times in Proverbs and Ecclesiastes: Proverbs 11:1
 - Love Mercy– Matthew 18:21-35; Luke 11:4; 1 John 1:9
 - Walk Humbly with your God – Malachi 1:7-9, 12-13 (James 4:6-10)
- Proverbs 10:24; Ecclesiastes 5:20

The Delights of Your Heart

- Matthew Henry's Commentary (Psalms 37:4)—*
"He has not promised to gratify all the appetites of the body and the humors of the fancy, but to grant all the desires of the heart, all the cravings of the renewed sanctified soul. What is the desire of the heart of a good man? ... to know, and love, and live to God, to please Him and to be pleased in Him."
- 2 Peter 1:3-11; Matthew 6:28-34, 7:7-8