

Wellspring: As Your Heart Desires

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

Psalms 37:4 NIV

Delighting in the Lord is not a trade ✓. It is not transactional ✓.

ānaḡ (אָנאָג) = a command to enjoy ✓, to take pleasure in God ✓.

Three Ways to Delight Yourself in the Lord

1. Saying hello ✓ and good night ✓
2. Saying no ✓ to something ✓
3. Saying yes ✓ to rest ✓

By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.

Proverbs 24:3-4 NIV

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Have you enjoyed God in your life? Why or why not?
2. What is one way you can start or continue to enjoy God today?

Wellspring: No Excuse

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The Parable of the Great Banquet

When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.” Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’ Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’ Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’ The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’ ‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’ Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’”

Luke 14:15-24 NIV

Analogies in the Parable of the Great Banquet:

1. Host: God the Father ✓
2. Banquet: The kingdom of God ✓
3. Servant: Jesus ✓

3 common excuses and their underlying issues:

1. Possession ✓
2. Business ✓
3. Relational matters ✓

The starting point to stop making excuses: Choose the inconvenient ✓ way

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Do you consider yourself walking towards or walking away from “God’s banquet” in the past year? What excuses have you made?
2. This year, how can you “choose the inconvenient way” in your everyday life for the purpose of growing to be more like Christ and moving closer to God?