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**Ps. 37:4, “Take delight in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart.”**

What exactly does it mean to delight in the LORD? The Hebrew text here simply means we are to delight or rejoice in the person of the LORD. To do this, we must recount the glorious characteristics of God Himself. Is He all powerful? Yes, He is. Is He all knowing? Yes, He is. Is He everywhere at all times? Yes, He is. Is He complete love? Most assuredly. Is He creator of all things? No doubt. Is He LORD over all? Absolutely!

All of these characteristics should cause us all to stop our busy lives for a while and just soak in the reality of Who He really is. And speaking of soaking, when we allow these amazing thoughts about the LORD to sink into our souls and into our hearts, He then will begin to show us what it is that we should be desiring. For when we begin to see things from His perspective instead of our own, His desires become our desires. There is no greater picture of this than our Savior praying in the garden on the night He was betrayed. He was praying so intensely that He began to sweat drops of blood. The medical term for this is hematidrosis which occurs in individuals suffering from extreme levels of stress. In **Luke 22:42** Jesus prayed, **“Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.”**

Jesus, being fully God and fully man, knew that the will of the Father must supersede any physical desires. Did He want to go through the pain and agony of crucifixion? No. Did He want to be beaten, spit upon, mocked and scourged? No. Did He want to be separated from the presence of the LORD because of our sin? No! But the LORD’s desire was motivated by His great love. **Rom. 5:8, “But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”**

Let us not somehow think that the desires of our hearts could ever be selfishly motivated and yet that would somehow please the LORD. Instead, our hearts should be brought under complete submission to His will and His way. This will bring glory and honor to Him.

**Dear LORD, please give us Your desires instead of our own. We want to honor and glorify You instead of our selfish nature. You deserve all glory because of Your great love for us. Thank You Jesus for all You have done for us. In Jesus Name, Amen.**