

# "OUR WALK IN GOD'S DELIGHT"

UNDERSTANDING THE **NAILS** TO THE  
**GOADING** QUESTIONS OF LIFE

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## MAKE A QUIET COMMITMENT:

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — *"Be still, and know that I am God"* (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — *"to obey is better than sacrifice"* (1 Samuel 15:22)

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My desire is to help us apply **Biblical principles** to our current situation so as to be able to **step forward in faith by walking in God's delight**.

## I. Introduction

### A. God's **Desire**

**1 Corinthians 4:2** Moreover it is **required** in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

### B. God's **DELIGHT** (Psalm 37:23)

**Psalms 37:23** The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the **LORD**: and **He** delighteth in his way.

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## C. "**GOADS** and **NAILS**" (Ecclesiastes 12:11)

**Ecclesiastes 12:11** The words of the wise *are* as goads, and as nails fastened *by* the masters of assemblies, *which* are given from one **Shepherd**.

**Goads:** "the disturbing **reflections** of men which draw a **conclusion**"

**Nails:** "the **revelation** of God that gives the **solution**"

## II. Walking in God's Delight is Marked by "Putting Off"

**Ephesians 4:22** That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

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A. Be NOT Fretful—don't **react** (v. 1a, 7b)

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**Proverbs 14:17** *He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated.*

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B. Be NOT Envious—don't be **jealous** (v. 1b)

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## III. The Walk of Faith is Marked by "Renewing"

**Ephesians 4:23** And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

A. **Prospects** of the Wicked

B. **Promises** to the Righteous

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## IV. The Walk of Faith is Marked by "Putting ON"

**Eph 4:24** And that ye put on the new man, which after **God** is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Q: How can this be our continual description? How can we be defined as the righteous are defined here?

A. Be **Stabilized** in the LORD – "Trust in the LORD" (v. 3a)

"Trust in the LORD, and do good;..." – This "trust" is being confident. It carries the idea of a deep abiding reliance upon something.

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B. Be **Satisfied** in the LORD – "Delight in the LORD" (v. 4)

"Delight thyself also in the LORD;..." – To "delight" is to be delighted with His will.

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C. Be ***Surrendered*** to the LORD – “Commit thy ways unto the LORD” (v. 5)

The idea of this word, “*commit*” is to roll a weight onto something that you believe can handle it. It is the idea of surrendering.

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**Proverbs 16:3** Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

D. Be ***Still*** before the LORD – “Rest in the LORD” (v. 7)

This word, “*rest*” literally speaks of a quietness. It speaks of being silent. Often in waiting we are anxious and impatient. Here we are commanded to be at rest.

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E. Be ***Submissive*** to the LORD – “Wait on the LORD” (v. 34)

This Hebrew word translated, “*wait*” carries the idea of patient confidence. It is a confident expectation.

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As we learn to “*wait on the LORD*” we learn submission to God. Submission is the state of being obedient: the act of accepting the authority or control of someone else.

**Psalms 27:14** Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

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Our WALK IN GOD’S DELIGHT is a walk of PUTTING OFF SIN, RENEWING THE SPIRIT OF OUR MIND with truth, and PUTTING ON CHRISTLIKENESS. It is marked by being STABILIZED, SATISFIED, SURRENDERED, STILL, and SUBMISSIVE. It is rooted in a Biblical understanding of Who God is and what He does.

**What is my next step?** Please consider doing the questions on the back of this page.

## What Is My Next Step?

**Hearing** — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25

**Doing** — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Text: \_\_\_\_\_ Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (**Put OFF SIN**)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
  - a. What is He like?
  - b. What does He like?
  - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (**Renew your mind**)
  - a. What command to obey?
  - b. What promise to claim?
  - c. What principle to apply (*If I do \_\_\_\_\_, then God will do \_\_\_\_\_*)?
  - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (**Renew your mind**)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God, ... (**Put ON CHRIST**)
  - a. What character quality of Jesus must I demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
  - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
  - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)



OUR MISSION: Supremely love GOD,  
Sacrificially love others  
—ALL to the GLORY of GOD!