



"Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass." Ps. 37:4-5

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What does it mean to delight yourself in the Lord? Does it mean that we can't delight ourselves in any other thing but God? I believe it means that our life improves when we put Him first by spending time with Him in His Word. It is essential that He is at the center of our thoughts every day. We have to make a conscious effort daily to put Him first in our all our dealings. Psalm 16:8 says, "I have set the LORD always before me; Because *He is* at my right hand I shall not be moved." I find that when I put Him first and trust Him to work things out, He blesses that faith.

I wrote about how Don came to the Lord after living a sinful life in my August, 2017, newsletter. He was having headaches and after some medical tests they found that he had a tumor behind his left eye. He had a choice of doing radiation or surgery to remove the tumor. Don chose to do the surgery and have it removed. He said he was ready to get it removed and get rid of the headaches. We prayed for healing for several weeks before he went into the procedure. The week he was going to have surgery he was in the chapel office. In the office I have a small bottle with 125 Bible verses on little rectangle pieces of paper. It says on the bottle, "Vital Minutes, Multi Vitamins for the Soul ". Inmates like to take one out to see what verse they pick, read it and put it back in the bottle. Many times the verse fits what they needed to hear for the day! Don took one this particular day which was from Jeremiah 30:17a. It said, "For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds,' says the LORD." As far as I can remember no one has ever picked that verse out of the bottle before that day! I said, "Don that verse has never been picked out of the that bottle! That verse must have been for you!" That encouraged him greatly. A few days later he had the surgery to have the tumor removed. His recovery was abnormally fast. He told me a few months later how the Lord was blessing him. He said the tumor was benign, and shortly after his surgery he was able to start a new job. That job was upgraded quickly and he was amazed at how God was blessing him. He is so thankful for the Lord being in his life!

A newly arrived inmate told me that he wished he would have kept reading his Bible when he was fifteen years old. He said, "I have learned things the hard way all my life. My parents were Christian, but I was hard headed and did things my own way. Now I am 60 years old and I want to let God lead me from now on!" He did not delight himself in the Lord, but delighted himself in his own ways. He now understands that he has missed out on God's blessings all those years.

God is definitely at work in the prison! Thank you all for your prayers and financial gifts.

In Christ,

Harlan Moss

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