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## **“Enjoyment”**

*“...God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.” (1 Timothy 6:17)*

### **Divine Delight**

**Psalm 63:1-5** – (1) “O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. (2) So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. (3) Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. (4) So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. (5) My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips”

### **Divinely-Allotted Diversions**

**Ecclesiastes 2:22-25** – (22) “What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? (23) For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. (24) There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, (25) for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment?”

<b>Key Point: No True Enjoyment Apart from God</b>
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### **Deadly Dissipation**

**Judges 16:19-21** – (19) “She (Delilah) made him (Samson) sleep on her knees. And she called a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him. (20) And she said, ‘The Philistines are upon you, Samson!’ And he awoke from his sleep and said, ‘I will go out as at other times and shake myself free.’ But he did not know that the LORD had left him. (21) And the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes and brought him down to Gaza and bound him with bronze shackles. And he ground at the mill in the prison.”

“Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap.” (Luke 21:34 NIV)

## **Response:**

### **(1) Make God Your Primary Passion**

“Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.” (Psalm 37:4)

### **(2) Enjoy the Diversionary Blessings God Allots**

“My son, eat honey, for it is good, and the drippings of the honeycomb are sweet to your taste.” (Proverbs 24:13)

### **(3) Beware Excessiveness**

“If you have found honey, eat only enough for you, lest you have your fill of it and vomit it.” (Proverbs 25:16)

## **Questions:**

What impacted me the most in this message?

Can I give up a divinely allowed diversion for God?

Am I excessive in regards to selfish diversions and poor towards God?

(Luke 12:21)