Boring God, Bad People – Gripping God, Good People

Psalm 5:11
But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

1. Delight is not c_____ to duty

Psalm 37:4
Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 100:2
Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Philippians 4:4
Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

1 John 5:3
…his commands are not burdensome

2. Delight comes b_____ duty

2 Thessalonians 2:8-12
8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. **9** The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, **10** and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. **11** For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie **12** and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

John 3:16-20
16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. **18** Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. **19** This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. **20** Everyone who does evil hates the light…

(See also: Psalm 62:4; Proverbs 1:22; 10:23; 2:14; Isaiah 66:3)

Psalm 40:8
I desire (delight) to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.

Psalm 119:16
I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

Psalm 119:35
Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.

(See also: Psalm 112:1; 111:2; 119:24,47,70,77,92,143,174; Isaiah 11:3; 58:13; 61:10)

3. Duty without delight is h_____

Matthew 15:7,8
7 You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: **8** "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

4. Delight has more p_____ than duty

Hebrews 11:25,26
25 [Moses] chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. **26** He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.