



WOW: Word Of the Week

Delight

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Mother's Day has passed -- #32 since my mother's death. Multitudes of memories. Memories from childhood; memories of "going home" as an adult.

The nook breakfast table of my mother and stepdad always had a large Bible on it, with a Power For Today tucked between its pages, folded open to the next day's reading. In their older years, I saw a delight and commitment to God's Word that had escaped me as a youth.

I always knew my mother knew a lot about the Bible. She asked good questions in Bible class. On Saturday night, she studied the Sunday school lesson. She always took notes during Bible class. After her death, I found lots of notes, many of which I still have an enjoy reading.

The Hebrews had a word for it. Delight, chephets (khay-fets). Longing, pleasure, value, purpose. Life well-lived driven by delight! David knew. Psalm 1:2. "The law of God is his delight in which he meditates all the time—both day and night." Closely related is Ps. 119:11, "Your word have I hidden in my heart...."

We are what we think about. We become like those we associate with, including the ideas we harbor and nurture. We observe people; we see the values they refuse to compromise. We are observing their delights.

What do you delight in? Family? Children? Grandchildren? Friends? Hobbies? Recreation? Leisure? It would be interesting to check with your friends and family to find out if what they see in you is what you see in you. What do you talk about? What do you meditate on? What takes up most of your time? What do you do in your spare time? What is your leisure activity? Your delight? Pleasure, longing? Yes, there are many possible answers! But, where does God fit in? Is He your delight, longing, pleasure, leisure?

There is an easy way to check your answer! What do you spend most of your time doing? Where do you invest your talents? Where are your treasures directed? What do you think about more than anything else? Four T's. Memorable. Time, talents, treasures, thoughts.

Our lives will become better, little by little, when our delight is listening to God. Not just to know—but to develop decisions consistent with his delight, making his delight our delight.

God, develop in us the desire to seek your strength, your guidance, and your will each day—all day. May we look to you first, seeking kingdom things and your righteousness above all else.