

Minister's Desk for 5/16/10

What Brings God Joy?

Why is it that this all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent God who created the entire universe would care for you and me? Job wrote in Job 7:17, "What is man, that You should exalt him, That You should set Your heart on him." Why would God care about our needs – even our wants? Why would He commit himself to providing our daily bread?

Many reasons could be cited, but I will throw out one that is significant: because He loves you. And guess what? He loves to bless you. Our God is generous. He is not stingy. God loves to bless you.

Jesus said, "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32). Yet He taught us to pray, "Give us day by day our daily bread" (Luke 11:3). Notice Jesus did not say, "Give us each month the food we need," or "Give us each year the food we need." Otherwise, we probably would call on Him only monthly or yearly. Instead, God arranges things in such a way so that we must depend on Him on a daily basis.

But another thing we acknowledge when we pray, "Give us day by day our daily bread," is that everything we have comes from God. Of course you can work hard. You can save and invest wisely. And you can buy your own food and clothes and pay for your own house or your car or whatever else. But here is what you need to remember: it all came to you from God, no matter what. Deuteronomy 8:18 reminds us, "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth..." The point is to acknowledge that everything you have comes from God.

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