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DELIGHTING YOURSELF IN THE LORD

In Psalms 37:4 it says, ***“Delight thyself in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”*** In our English language the word delight means to please greatly or receive great pleasure. Yet in this verse the word delight has a different meaning. It means to be soft or pliable, even delicate.

As I think on this I think of a delicate flower. It grows and its petals are delicate but move with pliability. A harsh breeze might cause the petals to come off the plant if they aren't pliable. Pliable petals aren't stiff. The ones that lose life are the ones that fall off.

A person that would delight themselves in the Lord means that they are pliable in the Lord's hands. They yield to the touch of the potter on his wheel. They bend like soft pliable clay and allow the potter to conform them into the shape He alone knows is best for them.

When we are pliable like that with God it means that we are willing to conform to what delights God rather than ourselves. When we do that, then His desires become our desires. He places the desires He wants us to have in our hearts and it comes forth.

Yielding to the potter's hand is the only way to live in God's will. He knows what is best for us. He has the right plan and will reveal it to us as He wills, and we delight ourselves in him.