

Summer of Love Series – Part 10 – Love Does Not Delight In Evil

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Scriptures - *All scriptures referenced are in NIV translation unless otherwise stated.*

1 Corinthians 13:4-6

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ***Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.***

Psalms 5:4, Proverbs 16:28, 1 Corinthians 5:1-3, Romans 1:17, Psalms 37:4, Ephesians 4:20-24.

Topic Review

What in your life is evil?

Before we talk about how love does not DELIGHT in evil, we first need to identify our sin and recognize that there is a problem with the way that we are living.

Maybe it's that you struggle with alcoholism, or adultery, what about gossiping and talking badly about others? Maybe you lie and twist the truth to make you sound better or to get attention? Maybe you curse a lot, or you struggle with sexual immorality.

Whatever it is, we delight in these worldly things because we find a sense of validation and pleasure in them when the only thing that we should be delighting in is the Lord. He should be our source of validation, pleasure, satisfaction, enjoyment. So often we sit here, and we are PROUD of the things that we are delighting in that are not glorifying God. We sit here and we don't recognize that there is a problem with our ways.

If it breaks God's heart, why would you think it would fulfill your own?

We need to stop delighting in our own evil and stop delighting in other people's evil and delight in the Lord instead. Because God delights in us.

Romans 1:17 - *"For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, just as it is written: The righteous will live by faith."* Living in a way that glorifies God shows others our faith. So are we delighting in the Lord or faithlessly saying that we trust Him, but not turning?



Until you stop delighting in evil things, nothing will be good enough. You will keep searching for a temporary fix. Until Christ is your delight and until Christ is enough for you, nothing else will be.

We need to stop flirting with sin, we need to stop rationalizing it and stop trying to get as close as we can to it and instead run the race that God has for you and listen to Him, trust Him, and turn. Instead of asking "how close to sin can I get?" we should be asking "How close to God can I get?"

Experience Today's Message

1. What in your life is evil?
2. If it's breaking God's heart, why would you think it would fulfill your own?
3. Which one of these evils do you want to leave behind and replace with a characteristic of love?