

The Secret of Cheerful Living

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Our God is a loving Being. There is nothing that can separate us from the care and support of the Creator. And while we are not forced to love God back, our attitude while we serve, obey, and worship is noticed by the Lord.

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For example, in the book of Revelation, the Lord did not reproach the church of Ephesus of any wrongdoing; He even mentioned their good actions. However, one thing was missing: "You have forsaken the love you had at first." (Revelation 2:4). Without love, obedience is of no value in the eyes of God. In contrast, Jesus says that when obedience flows out of love, our joy will be complete.

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"that your joy may be complete" (John 15:11).

The story is told of a man who was a great provider for his family. Every month, on payday, he would purchase everything that his wife and sons needed. This family lacked nothing except a happy father. Once, one of his sons questioned him: "Dad, why did you do all this for us?" His answer was: "I am legally married to your mother, and you are my dependents; it is my responsibility to provide for you." It wasn't the answer the boy was expecting, and later in life he understood why the father was so sad when everyone was enjoying the things he provided for them. Obligations and responsibilities had replaced love.

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Why do we give to the Lord? Many factors can lead us to participate in tithing and giving "Promise" (regular and systematic offerings). Nevertheless, the apostle Paul speaks about an attitude that pleases God: "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver**" (2 Cor. 9:7).

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But how to become cheerful givers? It is only through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that we are enabled to do what is right and at the same time to enjoy it. Those who do not find that joy have the privilege to ask for it, and it will be given to them. Our God is looking for cheerful givers, and we grow as cheerful givers when we are motivated by God's love for us.

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This week as we worship with our tithe and Promise, may it be in response to God's extravagant love. Maybe put our desires last and God first.

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