

“Living With a Biblical Worldview: How to Have a Healthy Church Culture —
Duty or Delight?” (Part 2)
Matthew 23:1-36

“Each one must give as he has **decided** (intellectual) in **his heart** (it sincerely is the best choice), not **reluctantly** (“sad giving” or losing by doing) or **under compulsion** (“mad giving” or forced or having regret in doing), for **God loves a cheerful** (joy because of the worth of the object and the gain of doing the task) giver.”
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

“Guilt, control, shame, burden, and obligation, are not words associated with **DELIGHT**; they are words associated with **DUTY**.”

“The Pharisees, who were **lovers of money** (more than God), heard all these things, and they **ridiculed Him** (they minimized God’s Word). And He said to them, ‘You are those who **justify yourselves** (not desperate for God’s grace) before men, but **God knows your hearts** (God knows what we delight in). **For what is exalted among men** (what impresses men) **is an abomination** (disgusting and revolting) **in the sight of God.**”
(Luke 16:14-15)

- What does it look like to be **Duty Driven** and not **Delight Driven**?
 - a. You know the Word, but personally do not joyfully strive to practice the Word (Matthew 23:1-4).
 - **Their delight is in knowing, not doing. Their delight is in making it heavy, not light.**
 - b. They do all of their deeds to be seen by others. They want the praise of men and are unconcerned with the praise of God (Matthew 23:5-10).
 - **Their delight is in being seen by men, not by God. They delight in being served, not in serving.**
 - c. They do not serve in the humblest ways, they want to serve in the most exalted ways (Matthew 23:11-12).
 - **Their delight is in being important, not in God being glorified. Their delight is in being elevated, not lowered; in being something, not nothing.**
 - d. They are willing to sacrifice to make people like them, not to make people like Christ (Matthew 23:13-15).
 - **Their delight is in people being like them, not like Christ. Their delight is in the temporal sacrifice, not in the eternal reward.**
 - e. They are more concerned about outward behaviors than inward delights (Matthew 23:16-24).
 - **Their delight is in doing the task, not loving God in doing the task.**
 - f. They are more concerned about appearing to be righteous than putting their sin to death (Matthew 23:25-28).
 - **Their delight is being considered righteous, not actually being righteous.**

Worship: All Creatures — Kings Kaleidoscope

Christ the Solid Rock — Norton Hall Band

Sovereign Over Us — Aaron Keyes

Closing Song: Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right — Sovereign Grace Music

Service Times: Sundays: Sunday School 9/Prayer 9:45a/Church 10:30a; Tuesdays: Bible Study — Women 6:30p/Men 7p; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20p/Church 7p

- **Six Benefits** of having a “Delight, not Duty, Driven Culture”:
 1. Self-righteousness will be put to death because our delight is in what Christ has done, NOT what we have done.
 2. Minimal Christianity will be put to death because we must have more of what we delight in, namely God. — *“Love by its very nature seeks to enjoy its object.” (C.S. Lewis)*
 3. There will be a deep, Christlike love within a local body of believers. When we delight in God we will love one another deeply.
 4. There will be joy and reverence within the corporate worship services because “all eyes” will be on God, not ourselves.
 5. Evangelism and encouragement will be abundant because we can’t help but talk about what we love.
 6. We will be an example of delight driven, not duty driven Christianity to the next generation and new converts.

Account Balance: \$55,561.87 November Balance: \$38,822.43	Weekly Budget: \$3,471 Monthly Budget: \$15,043
Total Giving: December 1	\$4,400.00
Total Giving: December 8	\$4,369.00
Total Giving: December 15	\$1,933.00
Total Giving: December 22	\$29,280.00
Total Giving: December 29	\$3,741.00
Total Giving for December:	\$43,723.00

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of January we are collecting monetary donations for Heartbeats. Heartbeats is a life-affirming pregnancy resource medical center serving the people of our community with the love of Christ. For more information about Heartbeats and what they do, please see the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary. You can give your monetary donations on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for Heartbeats. Or you can put your monetary donations in the container on the back table.

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch TODAY immediately following the worship service. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us.

★**MEN’S BREAKFAST:** Men, the monthly Men’s Breakfast is THIS Saturday, January 18th, at 7am, at the Big Apple Café — Log Pond location. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Pastor Zach (740)618-0739.

★**BAPTISMS:** We are having a Baptism Service NEXT Sunday, January 19th. If you are interested in being baptized or have any questions about being baptized, please see Pastor Jeremy, Pastor Zach, or one of the other Elders.

★**CHURCH GAME NIGHT:** Our monthly Church Game Night is NEXT Sunday, January 19th, starting at 5pm, at Andy’s house. Please bring your favorite board or card game to play and bring a food item to share with everyone!

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer will be on Sunday, January 26th, from 5:30-7pm. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body. Please consider joining us for a portion of this time or for the full hour and a half of prayer.