

WHEN DUTIES BECOME DESIRES

(Hebrews 8:8-10)

- Introduction:
1. The need exists for constant urging for people to perform their duties.
 2. The reason: People's duties are not their desires.
 3. When our duties become our desires, little urging will be necessary.
 4. This lesson is designed to remind us of how important it is to mesh our duties with our desires.

I. God Wants His Law Written On Your Heart

- A. Throughout the Old Testament, God law remained written in stone rather than in the hearts of his people.
 1. (Matthew 15:8-9).
 2. (Matthew 23:23-24).
- B. Today, God demands that His law be written on our hearts.
- C. Our hearts need to be such that we desire to do what God wants us to do.

II. This Is The Way To A Happy And Fulfilling Life

- A. Someone has said that the way to happiness is to keep your wants few and simple.
- B. But there is a better way - They way to happiness is to keep your desires within the bounds of your God given duties.
- C. Make a list of your duties needed to please God and then a list of your personal desires.
 1. This can probably serve as a pretty accurate gauge to measure one's happiness.

III. God's Will Was Christ's Desire

- A. Every desire that Christ had was in accordance with God's will.
- B. (John 8:28-29).
- C. (John 14:9).

IV. How Can My Duties Become My Desires

- A. First, realize that it is possible.
 1. Look at the life of Paul.
 2. (Philippians 3:4-9).
 3. (Galatians 2:20).
- B. Next, start practicing your duties (whether you want to or not).
- C. Read your Bible that you may know what your duties are.
- D. Pray for assistance (it's hard to rebel while you're praying Ps. 51:10).

- Conclusion:
1. With determination and God's help, our duties can become our desires.
 2. When that happens, we will find life so much more fulfilling and serving God will be so much more meaningful and joyful to us.