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For I delight in your commands because I love them. I lift up my hands to your commands, which I love, and I meditate on your decrees. –Psalm 119:47-48

Picture walking up to a homeless little boy and handing him a ticket for a wonderful vacation by the sea. The dirty little youngster takes the ticket from you and places it among other collected items in a corner of the large box where he sleeps at night to shelter himself from the rain and cold wind. Instead of eating hamburgers and fries, apple pie and ice cream, he curls up on a door stoop and eats spoiled meat he has gathered from the trash. He plays in the dirt, making mud pies and eating them as his dessert. That's the choice we make every time we are confronted with a decision to say yes or to say no to this world. The pleasures of God are a banquet set before us, a table of spiritual delights that once tasted deliver us from the emptiness of seeking earthly pleasures. The way to free the heart from the domination of sin is by delighting in God.

{ PRAYER STARTER }

I choose You, Father. In every circumstance, in every decision, I choose to say yes to Your plans and purposes for my life. Nothing compares to the wonder of Your acceptance of me.

**Holiness is a superior pleasure that transcends
anything that sin can offer us.**