

## **Delighting in our Duties**

Nehemiah 12:44-47

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### **I. Introduction**

When the people of God are under the influence of the Spirit of God it leads them to a more faithful performance of their several \_\_\_\_\_ and leads them to do these \_\_\_\_\_ with joy and rejoicing.

### **II. Fulfilling their Charges**

A. According to the Command

B. Rejoicing over the Priests and Levites (cf. v. 43)

### **III. Application**

A. Doing Your Duty (cf. Col 3:12 – 4:1)

When the Spirit of God is poured out upon God's people, when a Spirit of joy, of gratitude, of thanksgiving is pervading the congregation, the way this manifests itself is in a more faithful fulfillment of our several \_\_\_\_\_. In Nehemiah we witness the Spirit at work and what happens? The priests and Levites do their duty – they sing robustly, they gather the tithes honestly, they guard the Temple faithfully – and the people of Judah do their duty – they bring the tithes willingly, consecrating them to the service of the house of God. The Spirit of God manifests His presence by motivating His people to do their \_\_\_\_\_ faithfully.

## B. Duty without Delight is Deficient (cf. Is 29:13)

### 1. Recognizing something is wrong

Sometimes we simply have to do our duty. There are times when we don't feel delight and we know, "This is what I need to do and I better just do it." However, at such times, we must acknowledge that *something is* \_\_\_\_\_. If we are simply doing our duty, going through the motions because this is the right thing to do, then *something is terribly* \_\_\_\_\_ *and we need to figure out what it is.*

### 2. Delight is necessary

#### a. Drudgery destroys duty

#### b. Duty with delight delights God (1 Pt 5:2; Eph 6:5f; Col 3:17)

The duty which we are performing, no matter how menial, is worthy of \_\_\_\_\_ for in it we are serving our Lord and Master Jesus.

## IV. Conclusion (cf. Is 40:7-8)