Pastor's Weekly Devotional – September 13th, 2018 "God's Good Pleasure"

I was out having my usual salad with my glass of ice tea. Not too long afterward, the manager (I assume) came to my table and asked how everything was and asked if he could take my empty plate. I responded in the affirmative and he said: "It's my pleasure."

I observe that in any restaurant, their servers are trained to say, "My pleasure" in response to customers. It is certainly very warm to have a friendly and polite server. Whether it is done out of politeness or training or wanting a great tip I really don't know.

But this expression reminds me of something about God. In <u>Philippians</u> 2:13 it says: "For it is God who is in work, both to will and to work <u>for His good pleasure</u>." This means that God works <u>in</u> us (as His people) so that He can work <u>through</u> us. God both empowers and enables us to do the work He has called us to do <u>for His pleasure</u>.

Now, here is the million dollar question:

• How is your <u>attitude</u> as you work for God at home, at your job or in the church? Does it give God pleasure?

Murmuring. Grumbling. Being judgmental. Do you think God finds pleasure in that? Just think about it...and you know the answer.

Have a blessed week! Pastor Sewdin