

## **Sermon: Duty**

### **Scripture: Selected texts**

**Introduction:** - Memorial Day  
- conflict with grace, happiness, living in the Spirit  
- considered legalism

I. The duty of doing one's duty.

A. Defined, explained – Mt. 22:37-40; Is. 58:13, 14

B. Illustrated:

1. military
2. Christ – Mt. 20:18, 19; 26:39
3. Paul – Acts 21:13, 14
4. Christian experience – Jn. 15:8, 11

II. The delight of doing one's duty.

A. Defined, explained

B. Illustrated:

1. military
2. Christ – Jn. 4:32
3. Apostles – Acts 5:40, 41
4. Christian experience – Jn. 15:8, 11

III. The dignity of doing one's duty

A. Defined, explained

B. Illustrated:

1. military

2. Christ
3. Faithful – Heb. 11:24-26; 37, 38
4. Christian experience – Phil. 2:14, 15; Mt: 5:16

IV. Issues resolved

- A. Duty and grace are friends, not enemies. God says they complement one another and there is no conflict.  
Eph. 2:1-10; Jn. 15:1-11; Phil. 2:12, 13
  
- B. Duty and happiness - who or what will define happiness for us? If we or the world define it, we will never have true happiness. Jn. 15:11
  
- C. Finding happiness in duties.
  
- D. Coping with failure in doing our duties and the absence of delight in them.