

PLEASING GOD

Hebrews 11:5-6 "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and he was not found, because God translated him: for he hath had witness borne to him that before his translation **he had been well-pleasing unto God**: (cf. Genesis 5:21-24) And without faith it is impossible to be **well-pleasing** (unto him); for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and (that) he is a rewarder of them that seek after him."

WHO DO YOU PLEASE?

- ▶ Yourself? Romans 15:1-3
 - Jesus pleased the Father. Romans 15:1-3; Matthew 3:13-17; Matthew 21:23-27; 17:1-5; cf. John 6:38-40
- ▶ Men? John 12:42-43; Galatians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:4
- ▶ God? Galatians 1:10

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2 Corinthians 5:8-9

"We are of good courage, I say, and are willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be at home with the Lord. **Wherefore also we make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well-pleasing unto him.**"

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1 Corinthians 10:5

"**Howbeit with most of them God was not well pleased**: for they were overthrown in the wilderness."

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1 Thessalonians 2:14-16

"For ye, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judaea in Christ Jesus: for ye also suffered the same things of your own countrymen, even as they did of the Jews; **who both killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove out us, and pleased not God**, and are contrary to all men; forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved; to fill up their sins always: but the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost." (cf. Acts 17:1ff)

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2 Corinthians 10:18

"For **not he that commendeth himself is approved**, but whom the Lord commendeth."

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Ephesians 5:7-10

*"Be not ye therefore partakers with them; For ye were once darkness, but are now light in the Lord: walk as children of light (for the fruit of the light is in all goodness and righteousness and truth), **proving what is well-pleasing unto the Lord.**"*

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Colossians 1:9-10

"For this cause we also, since the day we heard (it), do not cease to pray and make request for you,

- 1. that ye may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,*
- 2. to walk worthily of the Lord **unto all pleasing,***
- 3. bearing fruit in every good work, and*
- 4. increasing in the knowledge of God."*

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- R** ▶ Our aim. 2 Corinthians 5:9
E ▶ Not everyone is pleasing to Him.
V 1 Corinthians 10:5; 1 Thessalonians
I 2:15; 2 Corinthians 10:18
E ▶ Try to learn how to please God.
W Ephesians 5:10
 ▶ Please Him in all things. Colossians 1:9-10

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BENEFITS OF PLEASING GOD

Proverbs 16:7

*"When a man's ways **please Jehovah,** He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him."*

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Luke 2:12-14

*"And this (is) the sign unto you: Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men **in whom he is well pleased.**"*

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1 John 3:21-22

*"Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, we have boldness toward God; and whatsoever we ask we receive of him, **because we keep his commandments and do the things that are pleasing in his sight.**"*

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James 1:2-4, 12

*"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when **he hath been approved**, he shall receive the crown of life, which (the Lord) promised to them that love him."*

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HOW TO PLEASE GOD

- ▶ Don't assume you naturally know what God wants. Proverbs 14:12
- ▶ Through knowledge we can please Him. Colossians 1:9-10; cf. 1 Corinthians 2:10-12

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- ▶ Faith. Hebrews 11:1-2, 6
- ▶ Family. Colossians 3:20; 1 Timothy 5:4
- ▶ Focus. 2 Timothy 2:2-4; Romans 12:1
- ▶ Purity. 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Romans 8:6-8
- ▶ Upholding God's message. 2 Timothy 4:1-5; Galatians 1:6-10; 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Thessalonians 2:4-12; John 8:28-29; 12:42-43

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Do you please God?

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