

Pleasing God

LIVING A LIFE THAT

MAKES GOD SMILE

HOLY BIBLE

God

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with **God**, and the Word was **God**. John 1:1

- Let the same mind be in you that was^[a] in Christ Jesus,
- ⁶ who, though he was in the **form of God**, did not regard **equality with God** as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself, taking the **form of a slave**, being born in **human likeness**.
And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.
- ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the **name** that is **above every name**,
¹⁰ so that at the **name of Jesus** every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

13 But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” 14 God said to Moses, “**I am who I am.**”^[a] He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” 15 God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord,^[b] the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

We are trying to please someone if not God

- Galatians 1:10
- For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.
- 1 Thessalonians 2:4
- But just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.

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- John 12:43
- For they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

What displeases God?

- Proverbs 6:16-19 Amplified Bible (AMP)
- These six things the LORD hates;
Indeed, seven are repulsive to Him:

A proud look [the attitude that makes one overestimate oneself and discount others], a **lying tongue**,
And **hands that shed innocent blood**,

A heart that creates wicked plans,
Feet that run swiftly to evil,

A false witness who breathes out lies [even half-truths],
And one who **spreads discord** (rumors) among brothers [and sisters].

What displeases God?

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But He loves one who pursues righteousness [personal integrity, moral courage and honorable character].

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- Proverbs 17:15 Amplified Bible (AMP)
- He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the righteous
Are both repulsive to the LORD.

What displeases God?

- Proverbs 11:1 Amplified Bible (AMP)
- **11** A false balance *and* dishonest business practices are extremely offensive to the LORD,
But an accurate scale is His delight.

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- Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him. Gen 5:24
- ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and “he was not found, because God had taken him.” For it was attested before he was taken away that “he had pleased God.” Hebrews 11:5
- I need _____ to please God. If I approach him, I must believe he _____. I must also believe he _____ those who seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

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- Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1
- Are we not pleasing God because we are too practical and not radical enough?
- Fear not?

- What is holding you back?

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- For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit^[e] set their minds on the things of the Spirit.^[f] ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit^[g] is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

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2 Corinthians 5:9

- So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

Galatians 2:20

- I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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Proverbs 16:7

- When a man's ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

John 5:44

- How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

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- **It Pleases the Lord to lift our voices in praise to him**
- Psalms 69:30-31 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. *This* also shall please the LORD better than an ox *or* bullock that hath horns and hoofs.
- **It Pleases the Lord for us to be obedient to his Son**
- **Matthew 17:5** While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.**

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- **It Pleases the Lord when we preach to the saving of the lost**
- 1 Corinthians 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.
- **Pleases the Lord when we serve according to our calling and not jealous of other's calling**
- 1 Corinthians 12:17-19 If the whole body *were* an eye, where *were* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *were* the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where *were* the body?

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- "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandment. And his commandments are not burdensome" (1 John 5:3).
- 2 Peter 1:3 Amplified Bible (AMP) ³ For His divine power has bestowed on us [absolutely] everything necessary for [a dynamic spiritual] life and godliness, through [a] true *and* personal knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.
- He has perfected us by Jesus' sacrifice (Hebrews 10:14) For by the one offering He has perfected forever *and* completely cleansed those who are being sanctified [bringing each believer to spiritual completion and maturity].

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- and He has given us the Holy Spirit, who is like living water flowing out of us (John 7:38).
- Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. Just as no branch can bear fruit by itself unless it remains in the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me. 5I am the vine and you are the branches. The one who remains in Me, and I in him, will bear much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing. 6If anyone does not remain in Me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers. Such branches are gathered up, thrown into the fire, and burned.... John 15:4-6

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- Proverbs 29:25
- The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe.