

## **PLEASING GOD** **(Hebrews 11:5)**

Ever wonder, “why am I here, what is my purpose?” The bible teaches us that we are here to serve, honor, glorify, and please God- **I Cor. 10:31**.

### **NOT PLEASING**

**Hebrews 11:6** The first thing that will displease God in a believer is the lack of trusting Him. The lack of faith in God tells Him that we are in unbelief and are like the heathen that don't believe in God.

**I Timothy 6:10** One of the most modern sins of the present is the all encompassing focus on money and the things money can buy for us. The love of money is an idol that takes the place of God.

**Galatians 5:19-21** These are the sins of the flesh that Paul is talking to the church about and can prohibit even a believer from inheriting the Kingdom.

**James 3:4-9** James tells us of the terrible things our tongue can do. Slander, gossip, abusive language and the like can be devastating when we allow ourselves to lose control of this little thing in our mouth.

**Proverbs 6:16-19** The bible is so clear about the things that God hates but we more times than not ignore or forget them. Though we may not partake of these sins, our silence makes us partners of them.

**II John 1:9-11** Many believers do not have the discernment that is required to recognize and reject false doctrine and cults that prey upon new and even older believers and take them captive.

### **PLEASING**

**Romans 10:17** The very first thing that will please God is that believers learn to trust God for more than salvation. 'The believer that grows is the believer that knows'. Faith is fed by God's word.

**II Timothy 2:15** This verse tells us that we can please God simply by studying His word.

**II Corinthians 5:9** Paul says that it was his ambition to labor (work, serve) the Lord because by doing that he would be “accepted” or that is what would please God.

**II Peter 3:18** There is no doubt at all that God wants every believer to understand and to grow in the knowledge of what His wonderful grace is all about. As we learn more about grace we become more appreciative of God's love and goodness toward us. When we do that, God is well pleased with us.

**Galatians 6:10; Hebrews 6:10** As we have the ability to share our gifts and material blessings from God, He is well pleased that we love our brothers and sisters in Christ enough to care for them.

**Colossians 1:9-10** When believers grow enough in the Lord and begin to bare fruit God is pleased. Fruit bearing can be good works, showing Godly characteristics (fruits of the Spirit), or winning souls.

**Romans 12:1-2** The “acceptable” (pleasing) things in these two verses are giving ourselves over to God 100% and “renewing” our minds to the perfect will of God.

**Matthew 28:19-20** The message from the Lord is for us to evangelize “whosoever will.” It pleases Him that souls are won and believers are taught to grow in Christ and mature so that they can go and teach others.