

Pleasing God – 12/22/21

TEXT- Heb 11:5-6 *By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

1 Jn 3:22 *And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight*

INTRO – Gal 1:10 *For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.*

1 Th 2:4 *But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.*

Are you trying to please God – Men – or self?

Rom 15:1 *We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.*

To please God we must:

I. Live By Faith – Hebrews 11

A. Recognize that He is God

B. Realize He will bless us by living for Him

II. Keep His Commandments

Able, Enoch, Noah, Abraham and Sarah all obeyed the commands of God given to them.

III. Committed Themselves To the Work of God

Hebrews 11

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IV. Chose God's Way Over The World

Moses

2 Ti 2:4 *No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.*

V. Place The Eternal Over The Temporal

Abraham

Heb 11:9-10 *By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: 10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*

VI. Seek The Spiritual Good For Your Children

Moses parents – Amram and Jochebed

Property Laws of a Toddler

1. If I like it, it's mine.
2. If it's in my hand, it's mine.
3. If I can take it from you, it's mine.
4. If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.
5. If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.
6. If I'm doing or building something, all the pieces are mine.
7. If it looks just like mine, it's mine.
8. If I saw it first, it's mine.
9. If you are playing with something and you put it down, it automatically becomes mine.
10. If it's broken, it's yours.

VII. Accomplish Great Feats

Joshua

Moses

Gideon

VIII. Choose Affliction Over Convenience

Many others also Hebrews 11

IX. Seeking God Through Prayer

1 Jn 3:22 *And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.*

X. Walking in the Spirit

Rom 8:8 *So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*

CONCL –

We please God -

1. By exalting Jesus Christ, His Son
2. By proclaiming the message of the cross
3. By believing in God and his promises
4. By asking for wisdom
5. By staying away from sexual sin
6. By sharing the gospel with unbelievers
7. By giving to others in time of need
8. By submitting to authority
9. By praising God for all things