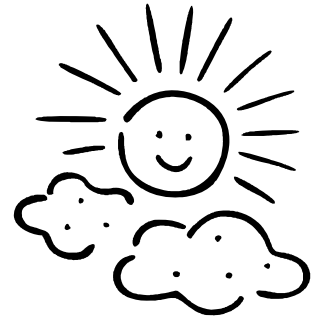


For Thy Pleasure

Selected Scriptures



Introduction: **We were made for God:**

Proverbs 16:4; Isaiah 43:21; Romans 11:36; Hebrews 2:10

I. WE WERE CREATED AND REDEEMED TO BRING PLEASURE TO GOD:

Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure [for Thy desire] they are and were created.

Colossians 1:16 For by him [Christ] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Who pleased God?

Hebrews 11:5 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.

The ultimate example of pleasing God, the Father: JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 3:17; Matthew 12:18; Matthew 17:5

II. OUR SELFISH NATURE PROPELS US TO SEEK PLEASURE AT ALL COST:

III. FALSE PLEASURE IS FROM SIN:

1. Those who live for pleasure are self-centered (all wrapped up in self) Isaiah 47:8a
2. Those who live for pleasure will not bear fruit Luke 8:14
3. Those who live for pleasure make pleasure their master and themselves its servants Titus 3:3
4. Those who live for pleasure will not love God 2 Timothy 3:4
5. Those who live for sin's pleasures will do so only for a short season Hebrews 11:25

True pleasure is from God: Job 36:11; Psalms 16:11

Be a God-pleaser, not a people-pleaser: Galatians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:4

IV. WHAT PLEASES GOD?

The Work of His Son: Jesus Christ: Isaiah 53:10-11

1. God is pleased by our adoption as children Psalms 149:4; Ephesians 1:5
2. God is pleased by our deep, reverential respect for Him Psalms 147:11
3. God is pleased by our spiritual understanding of His plan Ephesians 1:9
4. God is pleased by the uprightness of heart 1 Chronicles 29:17
5. God is pleased by the public proclamation of His Gospel (preaching pleases God) He is pleased to save men by preaching. 1 Corinthians 1:21
6. God is pleased by obedience to parental authority Colossians 3:20
7. God is pleased by a practice which matches with our position Colossians 1:10
8. God is pleased by our obedience to His Word 1 John 3:22
9. God is pleased by every church member fulfilling his/her role in the Body 1 Corinthians 12:18
10. God is pleased by our sacrificial giving Hebrews 13:16

CONCLUSION: "Proving what is acceptable (well-pleasing) unto the Lord"

Ask yourself a Question: Is God pleased with my conduct, attitudes, speech, dress, entertainment/amusements, music, TV, my relationships, my present service for Him?