

Big Lies of the Devil

Lie # 4 – You need to live for maximum pleasure –

The Lie of HEDONISM

James 4:1-3 and Selected Scriptures

What is Hedonism?

- the doctrine that pleasure or happiness is the highest good.
- devotion to pleasure as a way of life:

Our selfish nature propels us to seek pleasure at all cost:

Beware of the...

Altruistic pursuit of pleasure

Iniquitous pursuit of pleasure

Excessive pursuit of pleasure

Exclusive pursuit of pleasure

God is not against us receiving pleasure; rather, He desires that we obtain true pleasure in His time and in His way.

True pleasure is from God:

Psalms 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

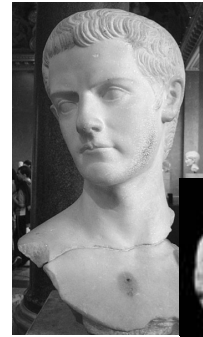
The bottom line is this. We were created that we might know God, be satisfied by God, and please & glorify Him!

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.

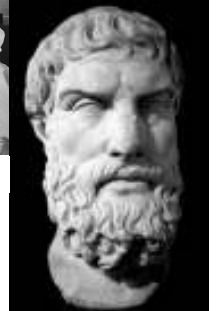
What Pleases God? *The Work of His Son: Jesus Christ:*

1. God is pleased by our adoption as children - Psalms 149:4
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 - 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 –Col. 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 - 1 Cor 12:18
10. God is pleased by our sacrificial giving - Hebrews 13:16

"God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him." John Piper



Caligula



Epicurus