



PLEASING GOD

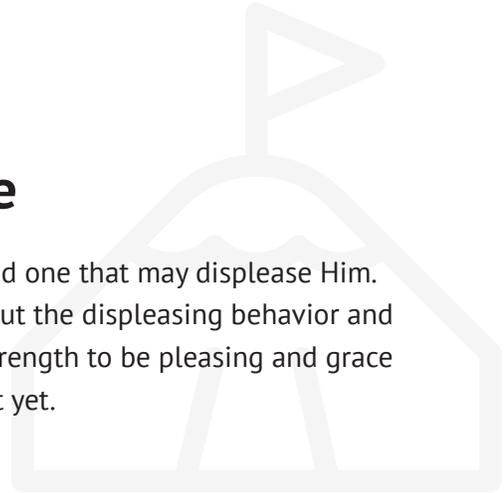
SUMMARY | Are you a “pleaser”? Sometimes that can be dangerous, because the primary motive is seeking self-gratification rather than serving others. But sometimes it can be very appropriate to desire to satisfy others—especially God. So, how do we please Him, and how can we avoid displeasing Him? Join *Discover the Word* as we explore what pleases God and what doesn't.

This Week's Discussion Questions

1. Read John 8:29. What does it say about Jesus and His mission to always please the Father? How can that inform our own lives?
2. Hebrews 11:5 describes the character of Enoch. In what way might he have been found pleasing to God? What is the key word that gives us context in this verse?
3. Consider the words of Paul in Galatians 1:10. Why is it so easy to want to please people rather than God? Why is it so dangerous?
4. In 1 Thessalonians 4:1, Paul speaks of walking or living in a way that pleases God. What might that look like in your life?

Challenge

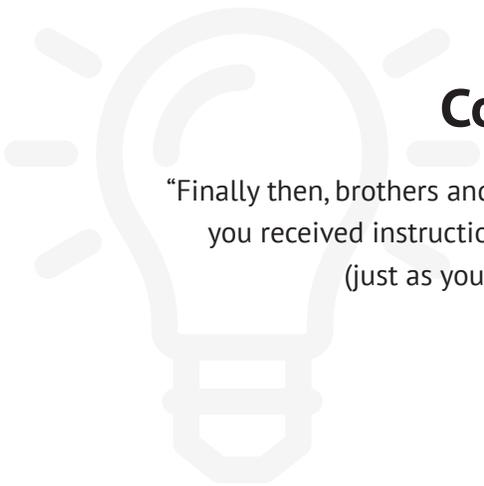
Identify a personal behavior that pleases God and one that may displease Him. What's one thing you can do this week to cancel out the displeasing behavior and increase the other? Pray that God gives you the strength to be pleasing and grace for the ways you aren't yet.



Commit To Memory

“Finally then, brothers and sisters, we request and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received instruction from us as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you excel evenmore”.

(1 Thessalonians 4:1 NASB)



Prayer

Father, when I think of all You've done for me, I want my life to be pleasing to You. No matter how much I want to please You, however, I cannot do this in my own strength. Take my desire to please You and empower it to produce a life that matches its ambition.
Amen.

