

What's Your Main Priority?

Whatever our situation is, our main priority in life should always be to please Him. Tommy Tenney was known as a God chaser, and I want to be known as a "God Pleaser." Our lives should be totally about "pleasing Him." There are numerous passages throughout the Word about pleasing God and today's topic is based on Ephesians 5:10-11, which says "**determine which** things please Him."

Determine which things please the Lord. Have nothing to do with the useless works that darkness produces. Instead, expose them for what they are"
Ephesians 5:10-11 (GWW).

To ultimately please God means honoring Him with current assignments. Whatever your current situation is, the main priority is to please Him. You must determine in your heart to please Him. Every time Paul or one of the other authors wrote letters, it was always for instruction, direction, or learning. The various books in the Bible are all manuals for us to live by and they are filled with things that "please Him."

I love how the Word is a beacon of truth for our lives. The Word is full of ways to guide us on any subject matter in life. Pleasing Him is within our realm of possibilities. The good news is it can be done, and walking it out is more than possible because God equips us for success.

"Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen" (Hebrews 13:21).

Makes you perfect!!! WOW....Perfectly pleasing in His sight.

Pleasing the Lord requires action on our part by not only discovering, but doing what pleases Him through the Light of His Word. It's totally doable because pleasing the Lord means doing His will. What's His Will? His Will is His Word, and His Word is His Will. I'd say that's pretty cut and dry don't you?

Finding ways to please God should touch every aspect and area of our lives. The aim of pleasing God has NO restrictions or limits on how much we can please Him. To God the heart, a person's innermost motivation and attitude, is of prime importance. And the truth is, there are no limits in ways to please Him and David shows us that.

Pleasing God should reach deep inside each of us, touching every area of our lives.. Every believer has the responsibility to honor Christ in his life as a God pleaser, as one who does his work as unto the Lord, and not as a man pleaser.

Our sinful nature or the flesh is a constant threat and antagonist to pleasing the Lord and hinders our ability to effectively minister to others because of its inherent selfishness. Many times pleasing God means learning to live for others as we die to trying to please ourselves. True God pleasers are neither man pleasers, nor self-pleasers. The only time we should seek to please men is when we seek to benefit them by putting their needs above our own for their edification or salvation.

“For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law” (Galatians 5:17).

What is your life speaking? Does your life speak, “I am a God Pleaser?”

Heavenly Father,

I need your help. I want to thank you in advance for helping me. I can't do this without your help. I have areas in my life where You are not the main priority. It is my desire to always please You. I want my life to always please You. I want pleasing You to be my number one priority in all I say and do. Lord, there are so many goals I make where the rewards only last a season. Help me set goals for righteous living. Help me to lay aside all things that hinder me and easily entangle me. Help me make the right choices so that I will reap a harvest of righteousness and peace. I want my priority to always be that which pleases You. In Jesus Name, Amen.

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Additional Passages:

- 1 Thessalonians 4:1, “Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that, as you have received from us instruction as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you may excel still more.”
- Colossians 3:22-24 Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who {merely} please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men; knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.
- Ephesians 5:8-10, “For you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light (for the fruit of the light {consists} in all goodness and righteousness and truth), trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.”
- 1 Thessalonians 4:1 ...as you received from us {instruction} as to how you ought to walk and please God
- Hebrews 13:21, “He equips you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.”
- 1 Thessalonians 2:4 But just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men but God, who examines our hearts.
- Galatians 1:10 For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.
- Colossians 1:9-10 For this reason also, since the day we heard {of it}, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please {Him} in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; Romans 14:17-18 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18 For he who in this way serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men
- Hebrews 11:6- “without faith it is impossible to please God. Pleasing the Lord should be the great ambition of every believers’ heart.”