



The Importance, The Value, and the How Of Pleasing GOD!

(Part 2 of 2)

Hedonism, The Philosophy of Our Day

For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. (Titus 3:3)

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be...
...lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
(2 Timothy 3:1-2, 4)

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. (Galatians 1:10)

They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light. (Psalm 36:8-9)

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. (Luke 12:32)

Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. (1 Thessalonians 4:1)

The Rationale For Pleasing God

1. The pleasure of God is not self serving
2. The highest good of God includes the highest good for ourselves
3. The pursuit of pleasure is a paradox
4. Those who please not God are poor associates
5. The pursuit of pleasure causes debt and poverty

God's Pleasure

1. Our Purpose
2. The key to answered prayer
3. Achieved by avoiding distractions
4. Necessary in the ministers of God
5. The primary goal of our spiritual walk
6. Is cooperating with God in His goals for our lives
7. Is the basis for placement in the church
8. Easier for the unmarried
9. Exemplified by Christ
10. Often demonstrated by pleasing others
11. Hindered by the flesh
12. Stopped by emphasis on the pleasures of this life
13. Damaged by the profit motive in spiritual functions
14. Ruined by inappropriate offerings
15. Not achieved by judgement
16. Provides escape from evil and dominating women
17. Enables successful relationships



Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (Revelations 1:5-6)

Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives. (Ezra 10:11))

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. (Hebrews 11:6)

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. (Hebrews 13:15-16)

Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. (Hebrews 10:38)

Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. (Colossians 3:20)

Preparing To Please God

What Pleases God

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For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. (1 Corinthians 1:21)

Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD. (Haggai 1:8)

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. (Isaiah 55:11)

Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. (Isaiah 53:10)

Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:3)

The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable. (Isaiah 42:21)

When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. (Ecclesiastes 6:4)

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For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people:
he will beautify the meek with salvation.
(Psalm 149:4)

He delighteth not in the strength of the horse:
he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear
him, in those that hope in his mercy.
(Psalm 147:10-11)

...Let the LORD be magnified, which hath plea-
sure in the prosperity of his servant.
(Psalm 35:27)

I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart,
and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in
the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly of-
fered all these things: and now have I seen with
joy thy people, which are present here, to offer
willingly unto thee. (1 Chronicles 29:17)

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