

passion to PLEASE God

HEB.13:20-21 — May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

EPH.5:8-10 — For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord.

1TH.2:4 — We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts.

COL.1:10 — We pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way.

1TH.4:1 — Live in order to please God.

2CO.5:9 — We make it our goal to please Him.

PROPERLY

positioned FOR pleasing God

✓ **We were SINNERS and ENEMIES in the PAST**

RO.5:10 – “We were God’s enemies...”

✓ **We are SONS and HEIRS in the PRESENT**

GA.3:26 – “You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.”

PRESSING

problems IN pleasing God

✓ **DOUBT and DISBELIEF bring DISPLEASURE to GOD**

HE.11:6 – “Without faith it is impossible to please God.”

✓ **DISOBEDIENCE brings DISPLEASURE to GOD**

RO.8:8 – “Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.”

PERVERTED

perceptions ON pleasing God

✓ **wrong question: IS it ALLOWABLE?**

✓ **wrong question: IS it AWARDABLE?**

✓ **wrong question: IS it ACCEPTABLE?**

✓ **wrong question: IS it ATTAINABLE?**

PREVAILING

passion FOR pleasing God

✓ **HEART’S DESIRE**

2CO.5:9 – “We make it our goal to please Him.”

✓ **HOLY DISCOVERY**

EP.5:10 – “Find out what pleases the Lord.”

✓ **HUMBLE DETERMINATION**

1TH.2:4 – “We are...trying to please...God, who tests our hearts.”

✓ **HABITUAL DISCIPLINE**

1TH.4:1 – “Live in order to please God.”