

## Living To Please God

Rev. 4:11 (KJV) - Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and FOR THY PLEASURE they are and were created.

Rev. 4:11 (MEV) - "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You have created all things, and BY YOUR WILL they exist and were created."

Eph 5:8-10

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light

9 (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth)

10 and find out what pleases the Lord.

COLOSSIANS 1:9-14

9. For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

10. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

11. being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully

12. giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

13. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

14. in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Martin Lloyd Jones - "The ultimate choice of the Christian life is always the choice between pleasing self and pleasing God."

### **I. When you're living to please God, you will bear spiritual fruit!**

Matt. 7:15-17 - "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from

thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit".

Galatians 5:16-26 (NLT) - "When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, your lives will produce these evil results: sexual immorality, impure thoughts, eagerness for lustful pleasure, idolatry, participation in demonic activities, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, divisions, the feeling that everyone is wrong except those in your own little group, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other kinds of sin. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will NOT inherit the Kingdom of God! But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Here there is no conflict with the law".

## **II. When you're living to please God, you will long to know God better!**

*1. Growing in the knowledge OF God is not the same as seeking to learn how to get more FROM God.*

*2. Growing in the knowledge OF God is not the same as growing in knowledge ABOUT God.*

## **III. When you're living to please God, you will be grateful!**

James 1:2-4

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds,

3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything

Philippians 1:6 - being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Heb. 13:20-21

20. 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,

21. 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.