

God is not _____ to please, but to please Him we must always walk in faith.

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6.

- When we live in the faith that God is absolutely REAL, it pleases Him.
- When we live in the faith that God is so full of good that it overflows to **reward** us, it pleases Him.

A faithful Christian will make it his aim to be well _____ to the LORD.

“Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.” 2 Corinthians 5:9.

- We should ask ourselves, “What does GOD delight in? And how do WE delight Him?”
- “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out *what is acceptable (pleasing) to the Lord.*” Ephesians 5:8-10.

A faithful Christian will make it his aim to know what _____ the Father’s heart.

“But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the LORD.” Jeremiah 9:24.

- Paul’s desire was to KNOW Him. Php 3
- “Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name.” Psalms 91:14.
- “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” John 17:3.

A faithful Christian will make it his aim to follow the _____ of Jesus Christ.

“Then Jesus said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things. “And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.” As He spoke these words, many believed in Him.” John 8:28-30.

- “Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.” Eph 5:1,2.

A faithful Christian will make it his aim to walk in the _____ not according to the flesh.

“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, *those who are in the flesh cannot please God...* Romans 8:1-11.

- We can choose to live our lives **as WE please...**
- We can choose to live our lives **to please others...**
- *We can choose to walk in the power of the Spirit that indwells you.*

A faithful Christian will make it his aim to follow through & __ the things that bring pleasure to God.

“Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us **how you ought to walk and to please God**; for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: ... 1 Thess 4:1-8.

- If we desire to please God, we will **humble** ourselves and yield to Him. 2 Chronicles 7:14
- If we desire to please God, we will **praise** Him. Psalms 69:30.
- If we desire to please God, we will **obey** Him. 1 John 3:22.
- If we desire to please God, we will **proclaim** Him. 1 Corinthians 1:21.
- If we desire to please God, we’ll respect and honor others. Colossians 3:20.
- If we desire to please God, we will do good and share. (Hebrews 13:16).
- If we desire to please God, we will care for one another. Php 4:15-19
- If we desire to please God, we will pray for all men. 1 Timothy 2:1-3.

“Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.” Hebrews 13:20,21.

- **Choose to set your focus on pleasing God?**