

Six Procedures for Pleasing God (1 Thes 4:1)

If God is going to live inside us, certainly we want to get along with Him.

I want to be at peace with God,
& God be at peace with me.

If we please God, He will intern be pleased with us.

Do you know what Pleases God or w/ Displeases?

I had a great Dad, but he never told me what pleased him.

*I wanted to please him, to have him proud of me.
He was good at telling me what displeased him.*

As a supervisor in my career, I would get frustrated with people's performance, but I came to realize, I hadn't told them what I expected.

I assumed they knew because of the Job they had.

Thankfully, Our Heavenly Father has not left us to assume.

In the Bible, God wrote what Pleases & Displeases Him.

(1 Thes 4:1) *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.*

Who are you seeking to please?

Based upon the way we live, The priorities we set,
Who are we trying to please the most,
God or Ourselves?

(Gal 1:10) *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.*

Are we trying to Persuade men that we are serving God?

Are we trying to Persuade God that we are living for Him?

You can determine who you are aiming to please by seeing who it is you are serving.

(Rom 6:16) *Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?*

We were created to bring pleasure to God:

(Rev 4:11) *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.*

So, What Displeases God?

The Flesh: (Rom 8:8) *So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*

We try to do things that please God, but we do them in the flesh. (Rom 8:1) *who walk, not after the flesh..*

We Serve God according to how we feel it should be done, how we think it should be done.

Our mind, will, & emotions are not subject to God's Mind, Will, or Emotions.

The Lust Of The Flesh is just our soul desiring to follow the bodies desires, in rebellion to the Spirit of God.

We Fail to please God&have no joy in doing it either

(Prov 14:12) *There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. **We set ourselves as the Judge of RIGHT!***

(Prov 30:12) *There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. **We set ourselves as the Judge of w/ pure!***

(Rom 7:18) *For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.*

Our Lack of Faith: (Rom 14:23) *And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: **for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.***

Faith~ The Level of Confidence I have in God to be Good, Right, to True to His Promises.

It takes Faith to Please God: (Heb 11:6)
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.

Lets Dissect (Heb 11:6)

Step 1 of Faith is Coming to God. (James 4:8)

Come~ to advance toward.

Turning from SELF & Advancing Toward God.

Step 2 of Faith is Believing in Him.

The Fire Did It: (Deut 9:18-29)

They Replaced God's authority, with an Idol.

Covetousness is Idolatry.

Step 3 of Faith is Following Him.

Diligently - Faith measured by Diligence.

Seek:

A steady application of oneself to seeking God.

A consistent effort of increasing our knowledge of, and our fellowship with God.

*We are saved by Believing In Him.
We are changed by Knowing Him.*

Step 4 of Faith is Expecting rest things from Him.
Rewarder: What are the rewards? (1 Cor 3:12-15)

Bad things are enjoyed 1st, paid for later (Heb11:25)
Good things are paid for 1st enjoyed later (Gal 6:7-9)

I want Eternal Rewards.
I want to please my Heavenly Father:

Parable of the Talents (Matt 25:23)
Those that increased *only had to be Faithful over a
Few things to be pleasing to the Master.*

Strong Faith only requires a Few things.
A Belief in God that Saves You.
A Diligent Seeking of God that changes you.

Steps of Faith: Song “Trust & Obey” happy in Jesus
Come, Believe, Seek, Reward (Anticipate)

To Please God, we start by not Displeasing God, by
walking in the Flesh without seeking Him by Faith.

Six Procedures for Pleasing God

Giving Praise & Thanks Pleases God:

(Ps 69:30-31a) Praise: *To Give Credit/Honor*

Illus: *when complimented for our Service to God.*
We can Give Credit: Praise the Lord

We can Take Credit: Thank you I worked hard on it.

We Can Withhold Credit:

Sometimes we overlook Opportunities to Praise Him
***Praising God for His willingness to Overlook my
injuries to Him:***

(Ps 63:3) *Because thy lovingkindness is better than
life, my lips shall praise thee.*

Praising God Collectively as a People:

(Ps 67:3) *Let the people praise thee, O God; let all
the people praise thee.*

Praising God throughout our day:

(Ps 71:8) *Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and
with thy honour all the day.*

Praising God for the Span of Our Lives:

(Ps 71:14-15)

Praising God for Our Salvation: (Ps 71:23)

Praising God for His Goodness & Efforts on my Behalf: (Ps 107:31) *Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!*

Praise Pleases God:

We Owe God credit for every Victory.
We Owe God credit for every lesson learned through Failure.

We Owe God Credit/Honor for Everything.

(Ps 69:30-31a)

Praise: *To Give Credit/Honor*
Magnify: *To Make Great or Enlarge*
Thanksgiving: *To Express Gratitude*
(Heb 13:15-16) “Sacrifice” not natural.
(1 Thes 5:18) All that God has allowed.

Obedience to Authority Pleases God: (Col 3:20)

God’s Management System.

Parents: (Eph 6:1)
Pastors: (Heb 13:17)
Teachers: (2 Tim 2:2)
Employers: (Eph 6:5-8)
Government: (Rom 13:1,4)

Bearing Fruit Pleases God: (Col 1:10)

Fruit: *Outcome or Result* (Prov 11:30)
Fruit in this life (In Christ)
Fruit in the Next Life (As a result of Christ)

Increasing in the Knowledge of God Pleases God:

(Col 1:10)
(2 Pet 1:3) *divine power, life, godliness, through knowledge.*

Avoiding Entanglement in Life’s Affairs Pleases God

(2 Tim 2:3-4) (2Tim 1:8; 2:20; 3:11; 4:5)

Fear of the Lord Pleases God: (Ps 147:11)

Fear: *Awe & Respect “Hope in His Mercy”*
Respect for Who God is.
Respect for What God has done.
Respect for What Can do.
Respect for What God Will do.

Do These 6 things Really Work?

(Heb 11:5) Enoch Pleased God
(John 8:29) Jesus Pleased God
We can please God by our willingness to yield our outer man to the Inner Man.
In so doing we are under the Holy Spirit’s leading and can...

Praise and Thank God
Obey God
Bear Fruit for God
Increase our knowledge of God
Give our life’s concerns over to God
Increase in our fear of God

“Well done, thou good and faithful servant”