

A LIFE THAT PLEASES GOD

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Psalm 103:13

HOW TO PLEASE GOD...

■ IT'S NOT RULES, RITUALS

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean." Matthew 23:27 (NIV)

■ IT 'S NOT KNOWLEDGE

"You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about Me, yet you refuse to come to Me to have life." John 5:39-40 (NIV)

A LIFE THAT MAKES GOD SMILE FOCUSES ON...

1. REPENTANCE OF MY SIN.

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us... If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word has no place in us." 1 John 1:8 (NIV)

"...There is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents." Luke 15:10 (NLT)

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 (NIV)

2. RECEIVING GOD'S WORD.

"When your Words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my hearts delight, for I bear your name, O Lord God Almighty." Jeremiah 15:16 (NIV)

"So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the message God has planted in your hearts... And remember, it is a message to obey, not just to listen to. If you don't obey, you are only fooling yourself." James 1:21-22 (NLT)

3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S VOICE.

"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes He will guide you into all truth...All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you." John 16:13, 15 (NIV)

"So I say, live by the Spirit... But if you are led by the Spirit... be filled with the Spirit..." Galatians 5:16, 18, Ephesians 5:18 (NIV)

4. RELY ON GOD'S CHARACTER.

"And without faith it is impossible to believe God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him." Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will direct your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)