

How Pleasing Am I to God?

Introduction: *As children of God, not only do others smile when we do acts of kindness, but so does our Heavenly Father. Have you ever wondered how often you bring a smile to God's face? Are there times when God says with pride to the rest of His creation, 'that's my kid!'?*

I. _____ Pleases God

I Samuel 8:4-20; 9:1-10:1; 15:22&23

Leviticus 19:26,31; 20:6,27; Deuteronomy 18:9-14; Ex.22:18

Micah 6:8; John 14:15,21,23; 15:10,14; I John 5:2&3; 2:5

II. _____ Desired to Please God in ALL Things

John 4:34; 6:38; 8:28b&29

Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:10&11

Matthew 17:5

III. _____ Must Desire to Please God in ALL Things

"As followers of Christ, we're supposed to ask at every point of every decision, and every fork in the road, 'what would Jesus do?' -- and then do exactly what Jesus would do" (The Hole in our Gospel, by Richard Stearns, pp. 26&27).

I John 2:6; Hebrews 5:8

Eph.5:10; I Thess.4:1; 2:4; II Cor.5:10; Gal.1:10

James 4:17; Luke 12:47&48

"It is a great deal easier to do that which God gives us to do, no matter how hard it is, than to face the consequences of not doing it" (Dr. B.J. Miller)

Luke 6:40; Matthew 10:24

Conclusion: Philippians 1:20&21