

A LIFE OF WORSHIP MAKES GOD SMILE

We were created to bring God pleasure.

Psalm 149:4a (gnb) “The Lord takes pleasure in His people...”

Revelation 4:11 (nlt) “You are worthy, O lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For You created everything, and it is for Your pleasure that they exist and were created!”

God smiles upon us when we choose to please Him.

Ephesians 5:10 (mess) “Figure out what pleases God and then do it.”

Worship is LIVING A LIFE PLEASING TO GOD.

*Romans 12:1 (gnb) “Because of God's great mercy... Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to His service and **pleasing to Him**. This is the true worship that you should offer.”*

Four ways we can worship God with our life.

1. We bring pleasure to God when we
**LOVE HIM ABOVE EVERYTHING
AND EVERYONE ELSE.**

Hosea 6:6 (tlb) *"I don't want your sacrifices - I want **your love!** I don't want your offerings, I want you to **know Me!**"*

Ephesians 1:5 (nlt) *"God's unchanging plan has always been to **adopt us into His own family** by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave Him **great pleasure.**"*

Genesis 6:9b (nlt) *"Noah consistently followed God's will and **enjoyed a close relationship** with Him."*

2. We bring pleasure to God when we **TRUST HIM COMPLETELY.**

Psalms 147:11 (gnb) *"The Lord takes pleasure in those who honour him and **trust** in His constant love."*

Hebrews 11:7 (mess) *"**By faith**, Noah built a ship in the middle of dry land. He was warned about something he couldn't see, and acted on what he was told... **His act of faith** drew a sharp line between the evil of the unbelieving world and the rightness of the believing world. As a result, **Noah became intimate with God.**"*

Psalms 50:14 (tlb) *"I want you to **trust Me** in your times of trouble, so I can rescue you and you can give Me glory."*

3. We bring pleasure to God when we **OBEY HIM WHOLEHEARTEDLY.**

James 2:24 (cev) “We please God by **what we do** and **not only** by what we believe.”

Hebrews 11:7b (cev) “**Noah obeyed** and built a boat...”

Genesis 6:22 (nlt) “Noah did **everything** exactly as God commanded him.”

Psalms 100:2a (tlb) “Obey Him **gladly**...”

Psalms 119:33 (tlb) “Just tell me what to do and I will do it, Lord. As long as I live I'll **wholeheartedly obey**.”

The Bible says our **natural inclinations are the opposite** of what God wants us to do.

Romans 8:8 (njb) “Those who live by their natural inclinations can never be pleasing to God.”

It is natural for us to be self-centred. God wants us to be God centred!

4. We bring pleasure to God when we **FULFILL HIS PURPOSES**.

Genesis 9:1 (kjb) “Then God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth!”

God has given each of us specific gifts and abilities to be discovered, developed, and deployed.

True Worship is tied together with humble serving.

1 Peter 4:10 (niv) Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

Mathew 20:28 (nlt) For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many.

The motivation to serve is to please God and not to please ourselves.

John 3:19 (mess) This is the crisis we're in. God streamed light into the world but men and women everywhere ran for the darkness because they were not really interested in pleasing God.

*Psalms 14:2 (tlb) The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are **any** who are wise, **who want to please God.***

*2 Peter 1:3 (mess) Everything that goes into a **life of pleasing God** has been miraculously given to us **by getting to know, personally and intimately, the One who invited us to God.***

Worship is a **choice** to live a life that pleases and honours God because of who He is and for what He has done!

Application

Circle the number that indicates your heart motivation to please God in the following areas.
(1 = lowest and 10 = highest)

I love God above everything and everyone else.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

I trust God completely.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

I obey God wholeheartedly.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

I fulfil Gods purposes.

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