

# WHAT PLEASES GOD

Below are nine things you do that actually pleases God. This list isn't an exhaustive list, so feel free to read through the Bible and explore additional ways to please God. As a friendly reminder, we don't please God in order to receive His approval; instead, we receive His approval through faith in Jesus Christ which then changes our desire to want to please God (Romans 5:1).

## FAITH

HEBREWS 11:6 (NIV) | And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

## OBEYING GOD

1 SAMUEL 15:22 (NIV) | But Samuel replied: "Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

## CHANGING YOUR MIND ABOUT GOD AND SIN

PSALM 51:16-17 (NLT) | 16 You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering. 17 The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

## DOING GOOD AND GENEROSITY

HEBREWS 13:16 (NIV) | And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

## SURRENDERING YOUR LIFE

ROMANS 12:1-2 (NIV) | 1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

## TRUSTING IN GOD

PSALM 147:11 (GW) | The Lord is pleased with those who fear him, with those who wait with hope for his mercy.

## **TELLING THE TRUTH**

PROVERBS 12:22 (NLT) | The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth.

## **HELPING OTHERS GROW SPIRITUALLY**

ROMANS 14:14-19 (NIV) | 14 I am convinced, being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for that person it is unclean. 15 If your brother or sister is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer acting in love. Do not by your eating destroy someone for whom Christ died. 16 Therefore do not let what you know is good be spoken of as evil. 17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, 18 because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval. 19 Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

## **CARING FOR YOUR AGING PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS**

1 TIMOTHY 5:4 (NIV) | But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God.