

Name

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Audience

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ACTION:

Pray for a filling of spiritual wisdom so that you can be a God-pleaser.

Colossians 1:9-14

OPENING AND PROBLEM ANALYSIS

Problem:

I am a people-pleaser and it's not making me or anyone else happy. I want to be a God-pleaser instead. But I lack the know-how and the how-to.

It has these important manifestations:

- People-pleasing is sinful and sin-producing
- People-pleasing requires constant mind-reading
- People-pleasing is debilitating and draining
- People-pleasing makes you bitter

Allusion to the Solution:

The Colossians were just like us. They were people-pleasers and it was making them miserable. The Apostle Paul sets out a better way to live, that is, a God-pleasing life.

TRANSITION

Let's see how the Apostle helped the Colossians move from man-pleasing to God-pleasing

FIRST INSIGHT

Increased fruitfulness pleases God (10)

Data:

- Paul prays for fruit in every good work

TRANSITION

I love the idea of producing fruit that pleases God, but how do I know what pleases him?

SECOND INSIGHT

Increased theology pleases God (10)

Data:

- Paul prays for more theology

TRANSITION

You're asking a lot of me. More fruit and more theology. How can I ever do that?

THIRD INSIGHT

Increased dependence pleases God (11)

Data:

- Paul prays for divine strengthening
- Divine strength produces joyful patience

TRANSITION

That's amazing. God gives me his glorious power so that I can endure joyfully to the end. I owe God so much. How can I pay him back?

FOURTH INSIGHT

Increased thanks pleases God (12)

Data:

- Thank God for the heavenly inheritance
- Thank God for deliverance from darkness
- Thank God for kingdom transfer
- Thank God for Christ's redemption

TRANSITION

We highlighted a big problem - people-pleasing. But we've found a bigger solution - God-pleasing.

CLOSING/CALL TO ACTION

1. People-pleasing is impossible and makes us miserable. It is a sin that produces sin, it requires mind-reading, it is debilitating, and it is embittering. 2. Pleasing God is possible and makes us happy. It is based on increased fruitfulness, theology, dependence, and gratitude. 3. None of this happens automatically. Pray for a filling of spiritual wisdom so that you can be a God-pleaser in these four ways.

