



People-pleasing

- Produces sin
- Requires mind-reading
- Draining and debilitating
- Bitterness and anger

Biblical answer?

COMPLETE IN CHRIST

COLOSSIANS 1:9-14

FROM PEOPLE-PLEASING TO GOD-PLEASING

BY FAITH ENOCH WAS TAKEN AWAY SO THAT HE DID NOT SEE DEATH, "AND WAS NOT FOUND, BECAUSE GOD HAD TAKEN HIM"; FOR BEFORE HE WAS TAKEN HE HAD THIS TESTIMONY, THAT HE PLEASSED GOD. BUT WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE HIM, FOR HE WHO COMES TO GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS, AND THAT HE IS A REWARDER OF THOSE WHO DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM.

HEBREWS 11:5-6



Pray for a filling of spiritual wisdom so that you can be a God-pleaser through increased fruitfulness, theology, dependence, and gratitude.



Increased fruitfulness pleases God

- God is a Gardener
- God is pleased with visible good works

PEOPLE-PLEASING PRODUCES ROTTEN FRUIT AND AN ANGRY GOD BUT GOD-PLEASING PRODUCES GOOD FRUIT AND A HAPPY GOD.

How do I know what pleases God?



Increased theology pleases God

- Knowledge of God is important
- Knowledge of God is available

PEOPLE-PLEASING DEPENDS ON MIND-READING, GOD-PLEASING DEPENDS ON BIBLE-READING

More fruit + More theology! How?



Increased dependence pleases God

- God enjoys empowering his people
- God's power produces joyful patience

PEOPLE-PLEASING DRAINS US, BUT GOD-PLEASING STRENGTHENS US.

How can I repay?



Increased thanks pleases God

- Thanks for qualification
- Thanks for deportation
- Thanks for redemption

PEOPLE-PLEASING > BITTERNESS, GOD-PLEASING > THANKSGIVING

Action?