

Living to Please God

The kind of life that God deserves and that pleases him in every way includes **4 elements**.

Bearing fruit v. 10

What is the fruit?

Is it good works? *Ephesians 2:8-10*

Is it the fruit of the Spirit? *Galatians 5:22-23;*

Ephesians 5:8-11

Is it people coming to know Jesus? *Matthew 5:16*

John 15:5

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Growing in the knowledge of God v. 10

Why?

- 1) To do it
- 2) To protect from false teaching

How?

Spend time in God's Word – and do it
2 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 5:17

Stay under the systematic teaching of God's Word

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Being Strengthened v. 11
With all power

According to his glorious might *Ephesians 3:20-21*

Why?
Great endurance and patience

We are in a spiritual battle *Ephesians 6:12; John 15:5*

Giving Thanks v. 12

Romans 1:21; Colossians 1:21

Questions for Discussion

1. If you are a parent, describe a specific time when your child or children really brought joy to you or pleased you.
2. What does it mean to please God and live a life worthy of him?
3. Why do you think Paul prayed these requests to God instead of just commanding the people in the church to do them? What significance might this have for us?
4. What first attracted you to Jesus?
5. What are the “good works” Paul mentions in verse 10? What “good works” are you doing in which you might expect to bear fruit?
6. How can we practically experience God’s power? What is the relationship between God’s power and our pray life?
7. How might we, who know Jesus, forget what it was like to be lost? How might this adversely affect our gratitude?