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A Study guide for Leaders in the Body of Christ

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INTRODUCTION:

If God is 'truly' our Father, then we will 'always' want to "Please Him".
Of course, we must first "Please God" by accepting His Son Jesus Christ into our Hearts as our Lord and Savior. (Romans 10:9, 10)
Then, in order to continue "Pleasing God", we need to 'know' the things that "Please Him" and then 'DO' them.

In these last days, it is becoming more and more evident, that Jesus is Coming soon!
Many in the "Body of Christ", believe that we are going to be taken up to Heaven when Jesus Calls us, prior to the 'Tribulation Period'. (Matthew 24:21)
They call this the 'Rapture of the Church'.
Some of those that do not believe that there is going to be a 'Rapture of the Church', say that it is because the word 'Rapture' doesn't appear in the Bible.
This is correct; however, there is an event that appears in the Bible that is 'proof' that there is an example of a 'Rapture' that has already happened!
It is not called a 'Rapture', but it is called a 'Translation'.

Enoch was 'Translated' (Raptured) by God so that He did not see death. (Genesis 5:24)
The words 'Translated' or 'Raptured' are not important, but what happened to Enoch is important.

This is what gives us the hope that we will be 'caught up' with Jesus in the sky, at His soon Calling. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18) Unless of course we die first.

The most important thing to understand right now is what did Enoch do to warrant his 'Translation'?

The Scriptures reveal, that the reason Enoch was 'Translated' by God, is that he "Pleased God". (Hebrews 11:5)

We too must "Please God", if we want to be sure that we will go in the 'Translation of the Body of Christ'.

We pray that this "Study Guide" will offer those in the "Body of Christ", the hope and the knowledge of how to make our 'spirit, soul and body' "Pleasing to God".

(1 Thessalonians 5:23) Also, that you will be 'doers' of this Word and not 'hearers' only! (James 1:22)

Amen!

I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO PLEASE?

THE DICTIONARY SAYS:

To Please:

To give pleasure or gratification or satisfaction to. To be the pleasure or will of.
To be agreeable.

Pleasure:

Enjoyment or satisfaction derived from something that is to one's liking; gratification; or delight.

PLEASE, PLEASING (NOUN), WELL-PLEASING, PLEASURE:

1. **aresko** ^{^700^} signifies (a) "to be pleasing to, be acceptable to," (where the preceding kai, "and," is epexegetical, "even," explaining the "walking," i. e., Christian manner of life as "pleasing" God; where the Hebrew has "Enoch walked with God," the Sept. has "Enoch pleased God"; "to endeavor to please," and so, "to render service," This sense of the word is illustrated by Moulton and Milligan (Vocab.) from numerous inscriptions, especially describing "those who have proved themselves of use to the commonwealth."

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STRONG'S CONCORDANCE:

700 aresko (ar-es'-ko);

probably from 142 (through the idea of exciting emotion); to be agreeable (or by implication, to seek to be so):

KJV-- please.

2100 euaresteo (yoo-ar-es-teh'-o);

from 2101; to gratify entirely:

KJV-- please (well).

2106 eudokeo (yoo-dok-eh'-o);

from 2095 and 1380; to think well of, i.e. approve (an act); specially, to approbate (a person or thing):

KJV-- think good, (be well) please (-d), be the good (have, take) pleasure, be willing.

701 arestos (ar-es-tos');

from 700; agreeable; by implication, fit:

KJV-- (things that) please (-ing), reason.

699 areskeia (ar-es'-ki-ah);

from a derivative of 700; complaisance:

KJV-- pleasing.

II. JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE:

Jesus is our ‘greatest’ example, because He ‘always’ “Pleased God the Father”.

John 8:28-29

28 **Then said Jesus** unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that **I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me**, I speak these things.

29 **And he that sent me is with me: the Father** hath not left me alone; **for I do always those things that please him.**

Rom 15:3

3 **For even Christ pleased not himself;** but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

It was ‘First’ prophesied in the Old Testament in Isaiah, and then it was ‘fulfilled’ in the New Testament, that “God” was “Pleased” with His Son.

Isa 42:1

1 **Behold my servant**, whom I uphold; mine elect, **in whom my soul delighteth;** I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

Matt 12:17-18

17 **That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet**, saying,

18 **Behold my servant**, whom I have chosen; my beloved, **in whom my soul is well pleased:** I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.

God the Father spoke from Heaven, that He was “Well Pleased” with His Son, when Jesus was ‘Baptized’ by John.

Matt 3:16-17

16 **And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water:** and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17 **And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

God the Father spoke from Heaven, that He was “Well Pleased” with His Son, when Jesus was ‘Transfigured’.

Matt 17:1-2

1 And after six days **Jesus** taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

2 And **was transfigured before them:** and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

Matt 17:5

5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: **and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased;** hear ye him.

2 Pet 1:17-18

17 For **he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

18 **And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.**

III. WE TOO CAN PLEASE GOD:

We too can “Please God”, just as Solomon did, ‘if’ we will answer Him according to ‘His Will’.

IKing 3:5

5 In Gibeon **the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.**

IKing 3:9-13

9 Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

10 **And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.**

11 **And God said unto him,** Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment;

12 **Behold, I have done according to thy words:** lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

13 **And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked,** both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

God is “Well Pleased” with our ‘Sacrifices’ to Him. (Not the sacrifice of animals, but of ourselves). Particularly, when we offer Him our ‘Praise’, and ‘Thanksgiving’.

Ps 149:1

1 **Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD** a new song, and **his praise** in the congregation of saints.

Ps 149:3-4

3 Let them **praise his name in the dance:** let them **sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.**

4 **For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people:** he will beautify the meek with salvation.

Heb 13:15-16

15 **By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually**, that is, the fruit of our lips **giving thanks to his name**.

Other ‘Sacrifices’ that are “Pleasing to God”, are ‘to do good’ and to ‘share with others’.

16 **But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased**.

As ‘Ministers of God’ (like the angels), we should ‘Bless Him’ because we do “His Pleasure”.

Ps 103:21

21 **Bless ye the LORD**, all ye his hosts; **ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure**.

As Christians, we all have the ‘ability’ to “Please God”; because it is God that works in us, to help us to be able to do ‘His Will’ and “His Pleasure”!

Phil 2:13

13 **For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure**.

Eph 1:9

9 **Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure** which he hath purposed in himself:

IV. OTHER THOUGHTS ABOUT PLEASING GOD:

If we want to “Please God”, we cannot get caught up in the ‘things of the world’

2 Tim 2:4

4 **No man** that warreth **entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him** to be a soldier.

When we are ‘Called by God’ to ‘Preach the Gospel’, we must do so not as ‘Pleasing to men’, but as “Pleasing to God”.

1Thes 2:4

4 **But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel**, even so we **speak; not as pleasing men, but God**, which trieth our hearts.

1 Cor 1:21

21 **For after that in the wisdom of God** the world by wisdom knew not God, **it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe**.

Gal 1:15-16

15 **But when it pleased God**, who separated me from my mother's womb, **and called me by his grace**,

16 **To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen;**
immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

V. THE RESULTS OF PLEASING GOD:

When we “Please God” by keeping ‘His Commandments’ (believe on His Son, and love one another), we will receive whatsoever we ask of Him.

I Jn 3:22-23

22 **And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.**

23 **And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another**, as he gave us commandment.

When we “Please God”, He will make even our ‘enemies’ to be at peace with us.

Prov 16:7

7 **When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.**

VI. WHAT IS NOT PLEASING TO GOD?

There are many many things that “Displease God”; however, those that are mentioned here, are the ones the Holy Spirit impressed on Timothy II that will cause many to miss the “Translation of the Body of Christ”. (Unless they Repent)!

Those that ‘persecute’ Christians do not “Please God”.

1Thes 2:15

15 **Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God**, and are contrary to all men:

God is not “Pleased” with those that ‘act’ like Christians, but who deceive themselves. (Matthew 7:21-23)

1 Cor 10:1

1 **Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;**

1 Cor 10:5

5 **But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.**

Those that are 'Walking in the flesh' cannot "Please God".

Rom 8:8

8 **So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.**

Rom 8:13-14

13 **For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.**

14 **For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.**

Those without 'Faith', cannot "Please God". (Romans 9:30-32)

Heb 11:6

6 **But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**

VII. THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE TODAY ABOUT PLEASING GOD:

Today, the most important reason we 'must' "Please God", is so that we may be found worthy to be able to go to be with Him in the "Translation (Rapture) of the Body of Christ"! (Matthew 22:8 Luke 21:36 1 Peter 4:18) And He is coming soon!

Enoch is a 'perfect example' of what God expects from us, if we too expect to be 'Translated' (Not see Death).

Enoch 'walked with God', meaning he "Pleased God", because he walked by 'Faith'. (Galatians 2:20)

Gen 5:22-24

22 **And Enoch walked with God** after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

23 And all the days of **Enoch** were three hundred sixty and five years:

24 **And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.**

Heb 11:5

5 **By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.**

CONCLUSION:

Our prayer for you is:

That by understanding this “Study Guide”, you are ‘prepared’ for the “Translation of the Body of Christ”; and by “Pleasing God” you will abound more and more in His ‘perfection’.

1Thes 4:1

1 Furthermore then **we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you** by the Lord Jesus, that **as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.**

That you will ‘do’ “His Pleasure” and ‘separate yourselves’ from the world.

(2 Corinthians 6:14)

That you will ‘surround yourselves’ with the “Body of Christ”; and above all, ‘do not’ marry non-Christians.

(1 Corinthians 11:11)

Ezra 10:11

11 **Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives.**

That you will ‘walk worthy’ and “Pleasing to the Lord”, and be ‘fruitful’ in all that you do for Him!

Col 1:10

10 **That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work,** and increasing in the knowledge of God;

And Finally Brethren:

Heb 13:20-21

20 **Now the God of peace,** that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

21 **Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

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