

What Pleases The Lord

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Intro

- **Reasons as to why a parent is proud or is pleased with their children?**
 - **Performance (sports, piano, job, etc)**
 - **Money or social status**
 - **Knowledge or education**
 - **Physical appearance**
- **God wants us to be pleased with our children**
- **Because He was pleased with His Son.**
- **Luke 3:22 – “You are my son, whom I love. With you I am well pleased.”**
 - **However, what pleases the Lord is different from man.**
 - **Question: What pleases the Lord? What does He delight in?**

What Does God Delight In?

- **Some believe that He delights in sacrifices...(ex. OT)**
- **David said in Ps 51:**
 - **You do not delight (desire) in sacrifice or I would bring it...
The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart.**
- **God delights in those with integrity & are truthful (Prov 11-12)**
- **God said He is interested in the heart (& its characters)**
- **Made better sense as a father**
- **So when God said “This is my son, whom I love. With whom I am well pleased.”**
- **Saying that He was pleased with the heart & char of Christ**

Jesus' Description of Self

- **What are characters of Jesus? What does His heart look like?**
 - **Mat 11:29 – I am humble and gentle in heart**
 - **Mat 21:5 – He rode on a donkey not chariot**
 - **Phil 2:3 – Be humble, consider others ahead of self**
 - **Phil 2:8 – humble in obedience even unto death**

**God said He was pleased with that...humility
So pleased that...**

What God Looks For

God would look for that in those He selects:

- **Moses was very humble (Num 12:3)**
- **King Saul, Gideon, David, Solomon, etc.**
- **Even for a country (2Chron 7:14) & Israel**

- **Ps 138:6 - He cares for the humble & keeps his distance from the proud**
- **Prov 18:12 – Pride goes before destruction, humility precedes honor**
- **James 4:6 says God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble**

- **Why would God give such care, honor and grace to those who are humble? And so strongly opposes the proud?**

Why God honors humility?

- **James 4:7**
 - **So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God and God will come close to you.**
- **Humble ourselves – we resist the devil**
- **Isaiah 14:12 – How you have fallen from heaven, O shining star... You have been thrown down to the earth, you who destroyed the nations of the world. For you said to yourself, 'I will ascend to heaven and set my throne above God's stars.**
- **Clear: Satan is pride**
- **Walk in humility = walk in Christ**
- **Walk in pride = walk with Satan**

Pride is about me

- **No wonder God said He hates pride (Prov 8:13)**
 - **Pride is all about me**
 - **Performances, \$\$ or social status, physical appearance**
 - **Could be just want I want**
 - **In relationship or in life**
- **Pride breeds quarrel (Prov 13:10)**

Humility Brings...

- Whereas Humility brings forth love, unity, & blessing
- 1Pet 3:8 – Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude. Don't repay evil with evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will bless you for it.
- Humility is a choice with power
- 1Pet 5:6-8 – **So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God**, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. Stay alert! **Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour...**

God Hates Pride

- **James 4:7-10**
 - **So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.**
- **I'm so sorry for what I've done...**
- **Time to repent - Our loyalty is divided between world & God**
 - **So much pride in us**
- **David & Ps 51 – brokenness & man after God's own heart**

Edification Time

- What spoke to you in this message?
- Pray for one another

