

**MORNING DEW
A PURPOSE DRIVEN
LIFE**

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PLANNED FOR GOD'S PLEASURE

- **Rev 4:11** “... for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure ..” All things include animate/inanimate beings. **John 1:3** reminds us all things were made by Him.
- God takes pleasure in His people and beautifies the meek with salvation. [**Psalm 149:4**]. Who are the meek? Those who are humble and submissive before God. Meekness is an attitude that gives God pleasure.
- God could have created one as snake/lion/fish, etc. But He choose to create us in His image and likeness. So that we can have dominion and give Him pleasure.

PLANNED FOR GOD'S PLEASURE

- Remember, God has emotions like me and you. He can be angry, jealous, compassionate, merciful, etc **Exodus 34:14**. Therefore, we should not toy with His emotions. Abide in things that gives Him pleasure.
- Bringing pleasure to God is an act of worship. **John 4:23 “.. true worshippers ... Father seeketh such to worship Him”**. Worshipping God should be a lifestyle. **Psalm 113:3** says we should worship Him from sunrise to sunset!
- The motive of our worship is to please God by bringing down His glory in our midst. Then, His blessings/gifts will manifest. When

WHAT MAKES GOD SMILE?

For God to smile on us captures the essence of our existence.

What are the things we need to do to merit His smile?

- When We Love Him Supremely: Our Lord Jesus described this as the first and great commandment in **Matthew 22:37-38**. We must give God priority attention in ALL things. See **Matthew 10:37**.
- Trust Him Completely: This is faith in action. Noah demonstrated this when he was asked to build a massive ship. According to **Genesis 7:5**; he did as he was commanded.

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- **Obey God Wholeheartedly:** Abraham obeyed God when he was asked to sacrifice Isaac, his only son in **Genesis 22:2**. Peter obeyed when he was asked to let down his net for a draught in **Luke 5:5**. We are conversant with **Isaiah 1:19** “.... eat the good of the land”. There is no room for cherry-picking OR partial obedience with the Lord.
- **Our Praises Can Make Him Smile:** Paul and Silas praised Him continually all night. He smiled and sent earthquake and both were freed from captivity. See **Acts 16:25-26**. When the answer to your prayer is delayed; what do you do? Switch over to praises and He will smile on you.

WHAT MAKES GOD SMILE?

**What are the things we need to do to
merit His smile?**

- Use Your Talents/Abilities For Him. God is interested in every area of our lives. He watches everything because He is omnipresent. See **Proverbs 5:21**. He blessed us with varied talents for the edification of the body of Christ; so that He can be glorified. That will make Him smile.

THE HEART OF WORSHIP

A heart of worship simply means surrendering every member [hand, voice, legs, eyes, mouth, etc] of your being to God as an instrument of worship.

Romans 12:1 “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service”.

What Does It Mean To Surrender?

- Using Your Personality For God’s Cause: Your DNA is solely for your personality. There are attributes you possess that is not available to

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- It Means Saying Yes In ALL Things: Again, Peter said yes when Jesus requested for his ship in Luke 5:3. He said another yes alongside James and John in Luke 5:11. They forsook all and followed Him.
- Trust God: Father Abram followed God's instruction in Genesis 12:1 "... get thee out of thy country ... unto a land that I will shew thee". That was trust in God.
- **Our Lord Jesus Christ is a Supreme example of self-surrender. Matthew 26:42.**

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In conclusion, victory comes through surrender. Joshua faced the biggest battle of his life in Joshua 6:1-20 [the Wall of Jericho]. It was a case of total obedience and trust in God.

Surrender is not the best way to live, it is the only way to live!

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