

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Sermon

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of Gods word.

Seeking to please God.

1 Thessalonians 2:4

God will not fail to give us the direction we need when we whole heartedly seek to please him.

Seeking the Lord means seeking his presence. We must continually seek his presence.

**1 Thessalonians 2: 4,....**as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts....

We seek him through his word, through his grace and mercy, we must constantly allow God to direct our heart and soul, toward himself. Through salvation his promise to us, is if we seek him, we will find him.

**1 Chronicles 28:9**,....as for you....know the God of your Father, and serve him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind....

**Colossians 3: 1 – 2**,....if then, you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above....

Our life is fulfilled when we fulfill Gods purpose in our lives.

We are going to talk about a few things that help us in our journey to seek and please God.

#1 Having Faith in God. We must have faith in God.

**Hebrews 11:6**,....but without faith it is impossible to please him....

Faith in believing God, and believing he will do what he says he will do.

We do not have faith in God if we produce ungodly deeds, ungodly deeds produce sinfulness.

**Proverbs 6: 16 – 19**,....things the Lord hates, a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren....

We must learn, walking in Gods ways allows us to experience real peace and joy.

When we have faith in God, we believe in God, and believe what he says, then we will be pleasing unto him.

#2 Be Spiritually minded.

**Romans 8: 6 – 8,....**for to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace....

If we are not spiritually minded we are carnally minded.

Spiritually minded is having the Holy Spirit dwelling within us and leading us , which is another requirement for pleasing God.

So how do you get the holy spirit.

**Acts 2: 38,....**repent, and let everyone of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins....

Through salvation and the remission of sins, you shall receive the gift of the holy spirit.

Christ delivers us, he changes us, we become the children of God. We become the heirs of God.

**Romans 8: 16 – 17,....**the spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.....

**Luke 15: 7,....**there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents....

#3 Fear God.

**Psalm 147: 1 – 11,....**the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his mercy....

Fear God, not because it is good for him, but because it is good for us to accurately recognize that he is all powerful, all gracious, all forgiving. If we reverence him, we will show our deep respect for him.

Proper respect will motivate us to avoid sinfulness. Fearing God will allow us to rely on him which deepens our love to him and for him.

**Luke 1: 46 – 50,....**and his mercy is on those who fear him, from generation to generation....

**Ecclesiastes 12: 13 – 14,....**let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter, fear God and keep his commandments, for this is mans all....

When you fear God, you fear nothing else, if you do not fear God, you fear everything else.

#4 Follow Christ example.

God impresses upon us the preeminence of the Son. Christ truly is the Son of God and there is no one that has pleased God more.

**Matthew 17:5,....**suddenly a voice came out of the cloud saying, this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased....when they had lifted up their eyes they saw no one but Jesus only....

This is where we need to be in our spiritual life. We don't see worldliness, we don't see sinfulness, we see Jesus.

**Hebrews 2:9,....**but we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels....

We should, and need to follow Christ example.

**John 8:28 – 29,....**then Jesus said to them, when you lift up the son of man, then you will know that I am he....for I always do the things that please him. ( God )

#5 Obey God.

**1 Thessalonians. 4: 1 – 2,....**brethren, we urge and exhort you....that you should abound more and more...how you ought to walk and to please God....

Obedience to God leads to a spiritually fulfilling life. Obedience is not meant to earn Gods favor, but to respond to his favor already given. We must live in response to his grace and mercy by obeying his commandments according to the acceptance of his salvation.

**1 Thessalonians 4: 3,....**for this is the will of God, your sanctification....

**Romans 6: 4 – 9,....**just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life....

**Romans 12: 1 – 2,....**I beseech you ....brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice....

#6 Do Gods Will.

**Hebrews 13: 20 – 21,....**now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead....make you complete in every good work to do his will, working in you....

May God make you complete in every good work to do his will. To be complete in doing his will, we must study the word, meditation and prayer are the key to gaining a deeper understanding of Gods word. Gods will is, God working in us.

**Philippians 2: 13 – 16,....**for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for his good pleasure....

Gods will for us goes beyond just knowing what he wants.

Gods will in our life – means perfection.

**Matthew 5: 48,....**therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect....

Perfection involves doing every good work, maturing spiritually, and becoming more Christ like.

Christ set the example of doing Gods will. He was willing, and gave of himself to show his love for God, and to do the fathers will.

We must seek Gods help in order to always do his will.

#7 Love the Lord your God.

**Matthew 22: 37 – 40**,....you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind....

No matter how much we give to the service of God, it cannot compare to what he has done for us, and what he still wants to do for us.

If we follow after these 2 commandments - **Psalm 16: 11** says,.... you will show me the path of life.

We know at the right hand of God the father is the Son.

**1 Thessalonians. 2:4**,...not as pleasing men, but God....

Pleasing God, means we are approved by God, we are entrusted through God, we honor God by all that we do. We do not receive anything from man, we do not use selfish motivation, we please God through the ability given to us by God through salvation, and the working of the Holy Spirit indwelling within us.

Let us pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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