

How to Please God

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God's will for us: Sanctification

1. God's _____ for us is our _____

2. Sanctification refers to the _____ of _____
in our lives to _____ Jesus Christ.

Living to please God

1. As God _____ us, we are able to _____ in such
a way that _____ God.

2. _____ is something God does in us, not something
_____ for God.

3. If He _____ the Thessalonians how to _____
_____, He can _____ us as well.

4. Our primary _____ for _____ the sanctifying
work of God is our _____

5. As Christians, our _____ is _____.
Our _____ can _____ Jesus because we
are being sanctified by God.

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

The Bible Recap:

1. What insights or questions arise after reading Genesis 38-45? How do you see God working in the lives of the biblical characters? How is God working in your life?

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

1. What does this passage teach us about pleasing God? In what ways might our lives bring pleasure to God?
2. Why do you think Paul chose to address sexual immorality when discussing sanctification?
3. How might this passage encourage us when we struggle with sin? What does it reveal about God and His will for our lives?

4. What areas of your life do you see God sanctifying? How can your fellow believers love you well in those areas? How can you help them become more like Christ?
5. How can we protect our witness today and earn the respect of non-believers?

Taking it Home:

1. Examine your heart and life. Are you continuing to grow in love? It may help to ask someone close to you who has permission to share honestly what they see in you. Reflect on how you can submit to God as He sanctifies you.

Prayer Concerns: