

Pleasing a Perfect God

✖ When it comes to pleasing God, the big question is, “Can we do it?” Do we have what it takes to make Him smile? Can we who live in an imperfect world, bring a perfect God delight? Can we actually please Someone who is flawless?

The apostle Peter writes, “We have everything we need to live a life that pleases God. It was all given to us by God’s own power” (2 Peter 1:3, CEV).

There’s our answer—we have everything it takes to live a life that pleases our heavenly Father. Settle this in your heart and don’t ever let this knowledge slip away. His Word is true and unchangeable. Never accept the lie that you don’t have what it takes to please God. The fact is you do!

Many believers look at certain Christians, especially great leaders, and think they could never measure up or be as delightful in the eyes of God as the apostle John, the apostle Paul, Billy Graham, Oral Roberts, Mother Teresa, or anyone else they admire.

The truth is that no one has any more ability to please God than you!

You have the ability to please God, but it is up to you to utilize the power and live it out.

God expects us to be faithful with what He’s given us. Scripture specifically states that we are entrusted with gifts “to each

in proportion to his own personal ability” (Matthew 25:15, AMP).

We must always pay attention to what has been given us by God. A person’s ability to write, teach, preach, sing, compose music, design, manage, organize, lead, interact well with people and so forth is a gift given by God. If I keep that in mind, it guards me from the deadly traps of pride or envy—pride in thinking I’m better than others, envy in coveting what another person has.

You were perfectly created by God to function in the Kingdom with your gifts and abilities to fulfill your specific assignment. You determine how to steward what you have been given—with it, you can bring great pleasure to your heavenly Father.

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