

## Living Life For God's Pleasure-3, Sunday, July 10, 2018

This morning's message is part three of a three-part series on living life for God's pleasure. The message answers the question, how do we know if God takes pleasure in us. This morning we'll note four ways that indicate that God takes pleasure in His people. The first three we already discussed. The first is, when God takes pleasure in us He tells us. We saw this in the case of Jesus when HE was baptized at the Jordan River. Second, God tests us. Third, God sends us out into an area of greater service. And the fourth which we haven't noted yet, is that when God takes pleasure in us He brings us into service with others. Here is where we will emphasize the principle of team work. The local church is a team that has been put together by God for a purpose. In order for the church to function properly, each member of the team has the responsibility of using what he's been given by God to build up the other members of the team. When the team functions as a team there is the potential for impact. God takes pleasure in that as well.

**Psalm 149:4** For the Lord takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the afflicted ones with salvation.

**John 4:23-24** "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. 24 "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

**1 Corinthians 10:5** Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.

**Acts 13:22** After He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My will.'

**Deuteronomy 34:10-12** Since that time no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, 11 for all the signs and wonders which the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt against Pharaoh, all his servants, and all his land, 12 and for all the mighty power and for all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

**Hebrews 3:5** Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant,  
**Matthew 3:16-17** After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, 17 and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

**Isaiah 55:9** For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

**Philippians 2:12-13** work out your salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

**James 2:18** You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

**Zechariah 13:9** And I will bring the third part through the fire, Refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say, 'They are My people,' And they will say, 'The Lord is my God.'"

**Romans 5:3** And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;

**1 Corinthians 16:8-9** But I will remain in Ephesus until Pentecost; 9 for a wide door for effective service has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

**Proverbs 27:17** Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another.

**1 Timothy 3:15** but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

**Philippians 3:2** Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision;

**Galatians 5:2** Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you.

**1 Thessalonians 1:8** For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything.

**Hebrews 3:13** But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

*We come here to receive from GOD so that we can take from what GOD gives us and use it for the good of others.*