

The Mystery of Pleasing God

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⁹We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,¹²and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

Colossians 1:9b-12 (NIV)

1. Bearing Fruit in good works.

– SERVE GOD

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, *you will bear much fruit*; apart from me you can do nothing."
John 15:5 (NIV)

Kinds of Works: SPONTANEOUS vs. CALLED

How I **Do** Serve: _____

How I **Can** Serve: _____

2. Growing in the knowledge of God.

– KNOW GOD

⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;

⁶in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.

⁷Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD and shun evil.

Proverbs 3:5-7 (NIV)

How I **Do** Learn: _____

How I **Can** Learn: _____

3. Being Strengthened according to His might. – REST IN GOD

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, *according to his power that is at work within us*, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)

How I **Do** Recharge: _____

How I **Can** Recharge: _____

4. Giving Thanks to the Father.

– THANK GOD

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray continually, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

How I **Do** Thank: _____

How I **Can** Thank: _____

**1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT that results
in TRUST**

FINAL WORD:

Believers: Pleasing God Gives Us Spiritual **BALANCE!**

Seekers: You Are **QUALIFIED** To Start Now!