

## Goals that Please God

### March 29, 2020

#### 1. Believe Wholeheartedly

**Hebrews 11:1&6**, *“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.”*

**1 Peter 1:6-9**, *“...For a little while...you have been distressed by various trials,<sup>7</sup> so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;<sup>8</sup> and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,<sup>9</sup> obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.”*

#### 2. Worship Regularly

**Romans 12:1**, *“I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.”*

**1 Corinthians 15:31**, *“I die daily.”*

#### 3. Devoted Fellowship

**Acts 2:42-47**, *“They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.<sup>43</sup> Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.<sup>44</sup> And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common;<sup>45</sup> and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.<sup>46</sup> Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,<sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.”*

**1 Corinthians 1:9**, *“God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

#### **4. Serve Willingly**

**Mark 10:45**, *“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”*

**Romans 12:6-8**, *“Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”*

#### **5. Pray Fervently**

**Colossians 4:2**, *“Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving.”*

**James 5:16**, *“The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.”*

#### **6. Give Generously**

**2 Corinthians 9:6-8**, *“He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.”*