

Goals that Please God Pt. 2

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7. Study Diligently

Ezra 7:6&10, “Ezra...was a scribe skilled in the law of Moses... Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the Lord and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel.”

Acts 17:11, “The Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.”

8. Live Purely

Ephesians 2:1-5, “You were dead in your trespasses and sins, ² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ, by grace you have been saved.”

Titus 3:3-5, “For we...were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, ⁵ He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.”

1 Peter 1:14-16, “As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

9. Love Unconditionally

John 14:15, *“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”*

1 John 4:20, *“If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.”*

10. Speak Wisely

Proverbs 18:21, *“Death and life are in the power of the tongue.”*

James 1:19, *“Everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger.”*

Proverbs 17:28, *“Even a fool, when he keeps silent, is considered wise.”*

11. Evangelize Gracefully

Luke 19:10, *The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”*

Matthew 28:19-20, *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you.”*

Colossians 4:5-6, *“Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward others... Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.”*

12. Walk Humbly

James 4:6, *“God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”*

Micah 6:8, *“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”*