

FIRST CALL

THE CALL

LAST CALL

LIVE TO PLEASE #1

“For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts.” 1 Thessalonians 2:4 NLT

“The fear of man brings a snare, but he who trusts in the LORD will be exalted. Many seek the ruler’s favor, but justice for man comes from the LORD.” Proverbs 29:25-26

I CAN LIVE TO PLEASE _____.

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PLEASING GOD SPIRITUALLY

I DELIGHT _____.

This is what the LORD says: “Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,” declares the LORD. Jeremiah 9:23-24 NIV

Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord’s feet, listening to His word. But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me.” But the Lord answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.” Luke 10:38-42 NIV

I MEDITATE _____.

“How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.” Psalm 1:1-2 NASB

“Your servant meditates on Your statutes.” Psalm 119:23 NASB

I TRUST IN _____.

“He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.” John 14:21 NLT

“So why do you keep calling me ‘Lord, Lord!’ when you don’t do what I say?” Luke 6:46 NLT

“The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.” Deuteronomy 29:29 NIV

I LISTEN TO _____.

“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.” John 16:13 NIV

“Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.” Galatians 5:25 NIV

“Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.” Romans 8:12-14 NIV

I AFFIRM

“I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.”

John 15:15-16 NIV

“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.” *John 14:12 NIV*

I PLEASE GOD SPIRITUALLY ...

DELIGHT

MEDITATE

TRUST

LISTEN

AFFIRM

“He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 1:6 NIV

FOR DISCUSSION:

WHAT SITUATIONS TEST YOUR COMMITMENT TO PLEASE GOD OVER PEOPLE?

WHICH ASPECT OF PLEASING GOD SPIRITUALLY CHALLENGES YOU THE MOST? WHY?

WHY IS RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD DESIGNED TO WORK FROM THE INSIDE-OUT VERSUS THE OUTSIDE-IN?

WHAT DO YOU SENSE GOD SAYING TO YOU THROUGH TODAY’S STUDY?