

Being Biblically Spiritual

A Series of Short Teachings

How To: Please God



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Being Biblically Spiritual is a collection of short teachings that focus on the practical application of some of the spiritual truths found within the scriptures of the Bible. In no way should this be considered an exhaustive list, nor should it be considered the only way to spiritually apply these biblical truths. We hope that you find simple spiritual keys that will encourage and inspire your Christian faith and daily spiritual walk with God.

Introduction

As we continue the How To: Series we come to answer a question that many people ask when they consider that God is Holy and Righteous while Mankind has fallen into sin. The question they ask themselves is: **Is it possible for Man to please God?** In this teaching, we provide simple to follow steps, that will help you do just that!

Scripture Reference

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6)

1. We see from the above scripture that without faith it is impossible to please God
2. That also means that with faith it is possible to please God!

(Hebrews 11:5) By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God

(John 8:29) And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.

(Matthew 3:17) And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

So in the above scriptures, we see that not only did the Lord Jesus please God, but also the man Enoch is spoken of as having achieved this level of relationship with God.



Pleasing God is possible

Many people think that merely going to church occasionally and placing money in the church offering is pleasing to God. Others believe that we need to pray a certain way on certain days or take part in religious ceremonies and rites if we are to please Him. **But what does the Bible teach** on this important subject?

The Gospel of Matthew Chapter 23 reveals what Jesus Christ thought about the religious leaders of His



day and how many of the rituals they observed and taught were hindering themselves and God's people from entering the Kingdom of God. The Scribes and Pharisees had become focused upon the outward signs of religious observance rather than the inner change of heart, which is what God requires of His children.

(Matthew 23:13) "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in."

Mere religious observance alone will not gain us entrance into the Kingdom of God for many people attempt to do the right thing in the sight of men and expect their 'good works' to gain them entrance into heaven.

A heartfelt belief in and devotion to God is required if we are to be accepted as His children and gain entrance into His eternal Kingdom. **Faith is the key** that opens the door to heaven and it is available to anyone who chooses to believe in Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.

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(Ephesians 2:8-9) For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast

The **element of faith** has been identified as **crucial to being able to please God**, without it we cannot achieve our goals. God has chosen **the simplicity of choosing to believe** in Him and the Salvation that He made available to us all through His Son Jesus Christ as the key that opens the door to eternal life.

Spiritual Key

To Please God we must come to Him in faith, believing in our hearts. God is well pleased when His children believe in and trust in Him!

Coming to God

(Isaiah 56:7) Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."

What an honor man has been bestowed, we have been given the ability to come into the presence of our Heavenly Father and Creator in prayer. We can pray anywhere, at any time, and **if we come in humility and faith God will hear our prayer.**

We don't need to be in a church or Cathedral, we don't always need the help of a priest, all we need to do is **seek God with all of our hearts.**

(Jeremiah 29:13) And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

(James 4:6) But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

Coming to God in prayer for some may feel strange initially, but as you continue daily it can become a **joyful experience** as you realize how real God is, and **He reveals His presence to you.**



"If we displease God, does it matter whom we please? If we please Him does it matter whom we displease?"

— Leonard Ravenhill

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I would recommend that every believer memorize The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6: 9-13) and begin your prayer time with it as you come to God because this was the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples to pray.

(Matthew 6:9-13)

In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen.

Spiritual Key

To Please God mankind is called to come to Him in prayer to find forgiveness for sins and guidance and blessing in life.

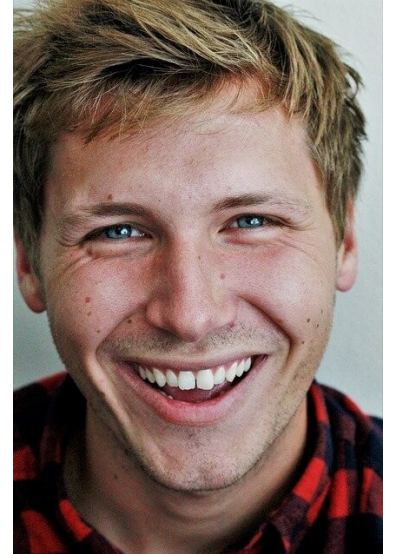
Believing that He is

There are many people today who would like to deny the presence and reality of God, just as there have been down throughout history. But God has left us a **wonderful reminder** of His power and love for mankind in the pages of **the Bible**.

God has also left **evidence of Himself** everywhere throughout **creation** and even placed **knowledge within the heart of man** so that His children might search for Him and find Him.

*(Ecclesiastes 3:11) He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put **eternity in their hearts**, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end*

*(Acts 17:24-27) God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. And **He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth**, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, **so that they should seek the Lord**, in the hope that they might grope for Him **and find Him**, though He is not far from each one of us*



So here is what it comes down to: the ultimate choice in life is between pleasing ourselves and pleasing God.

— Greg Laurie

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*(Romans 1:19-21) because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for **God has shown it to them**. For since the creation of the world **His invisible attributes are clearly seen**, being understood by the **things that are made**, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although **they knew God**, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.*

The pages of the Bible also reveal the many mighty works that God has done throughout history and encourage God's people to continue to remind each new generation of them, so that all people might know that He is God.

(Psalm 145:4) One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts

(Genesis 1:1-3) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light

(Job 38:4-6) "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements? Surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? To what were its foundations fastened? Or who laid its cornerstone

(Isaiah 45:5) I am the Lord, and there is no other; There is no God besides Me

Spiritual Key

To Please God we must first believe that He exists and is our Creator and loving Heavenly Father

"Trying to please others before pleasing God is inverting the first and second great commandments."

— Lynn G Robbins

Believing that He is a rewarder

Believing that God **exists** is a foundation that we can build upon. However, by taking our faith one step further and believing **that He will answer our prayers** and reward our diligence in seeking Him, we come to Him with **an expectation of success** rather than praying in doubt or fear.



(Hebrews 11:25-26) choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward

(James 1:6-7) But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord

(Mark 11:24) Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

(1 John 5:15) And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

God wants us to come to Him expecting to be rewarded by His blessing, protection, guidance, and provision. We have a wonderfully generous Heavenly Father who loves to give gifts to His children and is released to give those gifts **when we come to Him in the correct way**.

The closer we walk with Him throughout our lives, the more we will **fall in love with Him** and the more we love Him the more we will **become like Him** and will find ourselves **living in a way** that is more and **more pleasing to Him**.

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(1 John 3:22) And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight

Spiritual Key

To Please God we must come to Him expecting our faith, love, and transformed lifestyle to be rewarded by His abundant love and generosity

Rewarding Those Who Diligently Seek Him

Diligence in seeking God is often misunderstood as merely signifying that we as God's children need to work harder at seeking Him. But the reality is that many of God's people miss out on finding fulfillment in God's kingdom because they have not learned **the key to being wholehearted** in their love and devotion to God.



They live like people on a hot summer's day, traveling to the beach or swimming hole, and then rather than jumping in and enjoying the refreshing water, they merely **stand ankle-deep** in the water and then wonder why they aren't feeling cool.

Diligence is the key to enjoying wholeheartedness in God, and God's reward doesn't merely feel like a cold drink on a hot day, but **becomes a river of joy** and fulfillment throughout life!

(Matthew 13:44) "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. A man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys the field."

Spiritual Key

Seeking God with our whole hearts opens up far greater rewards than we could have ever

"Don't wait until the moment of crisis. Plan ahead, hide God's Word in your heart, and pray in advance for victory, holiness, and a life pleasing to God." – David Jeremiah

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