### **Title:** How to Please the Lord

**Text**: (Heb 11:6-7)

#1 cause of strife! (Prov 13:12)
How can we please God? (Mat 25:20-21)
What Does God Expect? (Micah 6:8)
What does it take?
How can I be good enough?
What can I do?

## I. Love Him Supremely: (Gen 6:9)

## **II.** Trust Him Completely: (Heb 11:6-7)

You cannot please Him without Faith! Noah trusted in God to save Him!

## III. Obey Him Wholeheartedly: (Gen 6:22)

### IV. Praise and Thank Him: (Gen 8:20)

We recognize Him as God when we thank Him (Psa 68:3) We recognize Him as God when we use our abilities: (Mat 25:15)

Our Reward is in heaven God's benefits plan is out of this world

(Mat 25:21) (1 Tim 5:18) (Col 3:24) (Rev 22:12)

## The 10 Principles of Successful Christian Living!

Decide, Determine, Detour

- 1. <u>If God's against it, so am I</u>: (Gal 5:19-24)
- 2. Every sin has its origin in your heart:

(Jer 17:9; Prov 4:23; Rom 13:14)

# 3. It is easier to keep the heart clean than it is to clean it after it has been defiled:

(Prov 22:3; Prov 6:27-28)

## 4. You cannot fight a fleshly appetite by indulging in it:

(Ecc 5:10; Jam1:14-15)

## 5. Small compromises lead to great disasters:

(Lk 16:10; Matt 6:24; Rom 6:12-16)

## 6. Those who do not love the Lord will not help us serve the Lord:

(Jn 5:18-20; Prov 25:15-16)

## 7. Our sinful habits do hurt those who follow us:

(Rom 14:7; 1 Cor 10:23-24)

# 8. It is not possible to fight a fleshly temptation with fleshly weapons:

(2 Cor 10:3-5; I John 4:4)

## 9. We lose our freedom to choose when we give in to temptation:

The consequences of our choices are inevitable, incalculable, and up to God. (Prov 5:22; Prov 20:17; Prov 9:17-18) (Free to Choose, never free from the choices, Ecc 11:9-10)

#### 10. God balances guilt with blame:

Accept the blame for your actions, & God will remove the guilt. (1 Jn 1:9)