

Day 8

Isaiah 29.13

1 Corinthians 10.31

Romans 12.1

Day 8- Planned for God's Pleasure

Did you know that you bring pleasure to God? That is why he created us. He loves us so much he is glad to have us around. Just like the parents of a new baby. Just having the baby in the house can bring joy. God also gave us the ability to experience this world. Our senses and emotions help us to be thankful of what God has done for us. And he gets pleasure out of seeing us enjoy what he made for us.

That is basically what we mean when we talk about *worship*. Realizing who God is and what he's done for us. This is a part of fulfilling our lives. God made us to recognize him because he loves us and wants our attention. And he deserves it. We were created to have a relationship with him, and only by doing this can we become what we were designed to be.

Some people think worship is boring. They confuse worship with certain things we do. Like sing, pray, read the Bible, meditate, and other things. All of these can be worship, but worship is really more than just that. Worship can also be being at the beach, or talking with friends, or wondering what it would be like to be able to drive. Any time that we appreciate this world God has made for us, we are worshipping.

Worship does benefit us, but that isn't why we worship. We worship for God, because he deserves it and he enjoys it. When we have the right heart and attitude, worship helps us too. But that isn't why we do it. So we need to worship even when we don't feel like it. If we are worried that other people won't like how we talk about God, pray, or sing, we need to remember that it isn't something we do for us or them. It is for God's pleasure.

If you ever get confused about worship, just remember that worship isn't part of your life, it is your life. We shouldn't wait until Sunday to worship; we should be worshipping all week long. It should start before you open your eyes in the morning and take a break as you fall asleep. God already knows our thoughts and attitudes, and we should try to keep them pleasing to him. That doesn't mean that you have to walk around all day only thinking, "God is good" to yourself. But it does mean that all of your words, thoughts, and actions should be thought of as something you are doing for God to please him. And the more we focus on who God is and what he has done for us, the more we will understand that worship is falling in love with God.

Thinking about my purpose:

Know. *I was planned for God's pleasure.*

Remember. "The Lord takes pleasure in his people." -Psalm 149.4a (TEV)

Think about it. What is something that I already do every day that I can start doing as if it were directly for God?