Fully Pleasing God

Ken Chapman · Colossians 1:3–12

INTRODUCTION

- Do you think it's important from time to time as a Christian to stop and honestly try to evaluate yourself?
- We have recorded these letters that we can read them and put ourselves into the template of these individuals and Christian churches and see how we stack up.
- Let's begin with this premise that I think and hope that we all will accept that is our goal, to be fully pleasing to God.

1 Filled With the Knowledge of His Will

Colossians 1:9; Colossians 1:5–7; John 1:1–14

- Every discussion that begins with being pleasing unto God has to start here, does it not?
- We must understand that the inclusion of this item on every list bespeaks its importance.
- Over and over again, in talking about being fully pleasing unto God, the Holy Spirit says the word. The word. The word.
- Lack of Bible study, lack of true dwelling in the Word of God, is not the disease. As serious as it is, it's simply a symptom of a greater disease.
- Do we really understand that when we hold the Bible in our hands, that we're holding the words of God.
- Or would that letter be read probably at the mailbox itself? And then read again when you got in the home.

2 A Walk Worthy of the Lord

Colossians 1:10; Colossians 1:13; Colossians 1:21–22

- Here's the purpose of Bible study, so that we might know the will of God, and that will of God might be incorporated into our lives.
- He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love. A change has taken place.
- You're not a Christian unless a change has taken place. A change in your walk, a change in your existence.
- This is a change so transformational that it can only be described in terms of death.
- Have you really changed? Are you really any different than the world and the culture in which you live?

3 Being Fruitful and Increasing

Colossians 1:10

- It starts with the foundational concept of the word, and that's going to bear itself out in our actions, walking worthy of the Lord. And then the next step is increasing in that.

- That good and honest soil, or that good and honest heart, was the one who produced what? Fruit.
- Being fruitful is just fulfilling your purpose, doing what God meant you to do.
- I wish we had that same, or even a portion of that same concern about our spiritual growth.
- Are you being fruitful? Are you producing anything? Are you increasing in that?

THE CHALLENGE

God still has grace. And so all of that can change. Could you begin that change this morning? Grow in your love for God and therefore the love for His Word.

MY NOTES