



## Pleasing Jesus | Colossians 1:10-14

1. If you were to survey 100 Christians what do you think the top four answers to the question “what pleases Jesus?” would be?
  - Compare your survey results with what Paul says in Colossians 1:10-14.
  - The four participles “bearing fruit; growing; being strengthened; and giving thanks” modify living a worthy life and pleasing him in very way (verse 10)
  - How close were your results with the list in Colossians 1:10-14? Why do you think this is the case?
2. How does God filling you with the knowledge of his will produce bearing fruit, growing deeper, persevering, and expressing thanks to the Father?
  - This means that God permeates your entire being with a deeper comprehension of his desire and plans for your life in and with Jesus as revealed in the Scriptures.
  - You may wish to interject with people that as they are reading and meditating on Scripture they become more and more aware of God’s love for them, his acceptance of them, his character, etc. These truths then motivate and empower us with the Spirit’s leadership to live in a way that pleases Jesus.
  - This knowledge is the foundation to the activity in our lives. Without it all we have is activity.

3. What do you think of the statement that we should not always start with “what do I need to correct but how do I connect. Instead of asking “what should I do?” we should be asking “where should I be?”
  
4. What practical advice would you have for the following people who are trying to please Jesus with their lives and want to do so by God filling them with the knowledge of his will?
  - Young mom with children at home from sun up to sun down
  - Business person who leaves at 5:00 a.m. every morning and does not get home until 7:00 p.m. Monday to Friday
  - A student struggling to balance the demands of school, work, and relationships
  - Your 10 year old son
  - Your 72 year old mother