

Please God

(adapted from Tim Howey's message: Jesus' Calling)

What do you do for God or avoid for God, just to please Him? Jesus showed us that before we begin serving God, it is important to obey Him and to resist temptation.

Obey God Publicly

- Jesus obeyed God by getting baptized publicly [Luke 3:21-22](#).
- Baptism doesn't save you. It shows that you are obedient to God and want everyone to know that you are a Christ-follower, [Rom 6:3-5](#).
 - Did you get baptized AFTER you accepted Christ as Lord and Savior?
 - What are you doing publicly to obey God?
 - How many of your family, friends, and acquaintances know that you follow Christ?

Resist Temptation Privately

- Privately, Jesus resisted Satan's temptations, [Luke 4:1-13](#).
- We all have temptations, [Heb 4:15](#).
- When you RESIST temptations, God is pleased, [Jas 1:12](#).
 - What type of temptations do you experience?
 - Do you have some Bible verses related to those temptations that you can repeat when the temptations come, [Psa 119:11-16](#), [1Cor 10:12-13](#)?

Types of Temptations

1John 2:16	Gen 3:6
lust of the FLESH	good for FOOD
lust of the EYES	pleasant to the EYES
PRIDE of life	to make one WISE

Some Verses for Your List

- [1Tim 6:9](#)
- [Jas 1:13-16](#), [Jas 4:1-4](#)
- [2Pet 2:9](#)

Self-Assess: Obey and Resist Temptation

How true are the following statements for you?

	not true <----->totally true
I obey God publicly.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I know what tempts me.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I keep a list of Bible verses about the temptations I experience.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
Each day, I pray back those Bible verses to God and ask for His protection.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
Pleasing God is more important to me than my urges and desires.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

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