



Part 4: Pursuing Lasting Pleasure - Faith

Hebrews 11:6

1. Read **1 Timothy 1:11** and **6:15**. Why is it helpful to replace the translated word “blessed” with the literal meaning of the Greek word – “happy”? How would you relate to a God who was inherently miserable? _____

- a. How has **Psalm 16:11** been ministering to you through this series? _____

2. Read **Hebrews 11:6**. Slow down and ponder - how are you impacted to know that you can personally “please” God (bring pleasure to Him)? _____

- a. How is faith related to pleasing God? Consider **Romans 14:23** as well. _____

- b. What 2 essential components of faith are listed in **Hebrews 11:6**? _____

- c. How do we know for certain that God exists from **Romans 1:19-20**? How will you use this truth to lock you in - even more - to God’s reality? _____

- d. Is it possible to please God if you *don’t* believe He will reward you? _____

- e. Since you always pursue happiness, what happens with this pursuit if you don’t believe God rewards those who seek Him? _____

f. How do we know that Pharisees did NOT live by “faith”? Read **Matthew 6:1-4**, **John 5:44**, and **Romans 2:29**. _____

g. In what ways are you prone to seeking recognition from others as your reward (putting “faith” in their response). How does faith in God deliver us from these struggles? _____

3. Read **Romans 11:35-36** along with **Jeremiah 2:13**. Why is it critical to believe God is endlessly generous if we are going to live by faith and please Him? _____

a. Why is God so pleased when we depend on Him for pleasure? _____

b. How will this help you to love your family and the lost more? _____

4. Understanding that I sin each moment I don't live by faith is devastating apart from Jesus... What blessing do we have in Jesus here according to **Hebrews 4:16**? _____

5. Why are you more excited to live by faith after taking a closer look at **Hebrews 11:6**? _____
