

A Church That Pleases God—1

What God Really Wants From You This Year

And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” Matthew 3:17 NIV

A church that pleases God is made up of people who are pleasing God.

5 Qualities of a Church That Pleases God

- **A reverent church.**
- **A faith-filled church.**
- **A bold church.**
- **A unified church.**
- **A loving church.**

A reverent church fears the Lord and lives with a sincere obedience to Him.

... the LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love. Psalm 147:11 NIV

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**fearing, awe-filled, reverently aware
of God’s holiness and authority**

Reverence for God isn’t a fear that drives us away from God, but an awe that draws us to Him.

How you view God determines how you live.

Low View of God

- Treat God's Word casually.
- Ignore conviction and rationalize sin.
- Know what God says, but do what you want.

High View of God

- Take God's Word seriously.
- Repent of your sins quickly.
- Obey God with reverence no matter the cost.

“... I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet.” Luke 7:44-46 NIV

When our awe of God fades, our view of God shrinks.

Where has God become casual to you instead of holy?

... Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. ¹³For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Philippians 2:12-13 NLT

TALK IT OVER

Read **Psalm 147:11**. What are some qualities of a person who loves God with a reverent fear?

How has your relationship with God changed or grown as you've followed Him? What practices or habits help you keep a high view of God?

Where has God become familiar to you instead of holy? What steps will you take today and this week to remember His holiness? How will your life look different six months from now as a result?

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