

LIVING TO PLEASE *the* FATHER

HIS TIMING. HIS MISSION. HIS GLORY.



MAIN VERSES

John 7:1

"After this, Jesus went around in Galilee. He did not want to go about in Judea because the Jewish leaders there were looking for a way to kill him."

John 7:2-5

² But when the Jewish Festival of Tabernacles was near, ³ Jesus' brothers said to him, "Leave Galilee and go to Judea, so that your disciples there may see the works you do." ⁴ No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world." ⁵ For even his own brothers did not believe in him."

John 7:6

⁶ Therefore Jesus told them, "My time is not yet here; for you any time will do."

John 7:17-18

¹⁷ Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own. ¹⁸ The one who speaks on his own seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him."



SHORT EXPLANATION

In John 7:1-18, we see Jesus continuing His ministry in Galilee because the Jewish religious leaders were seeking to kill Him. As the Feast of Tabernacles approached, Jesus' brothers urged Him to go to Judea and publicly reveal Himself. They did not understand who He truly was.

Jesus responded that His time was not determined by human pressure or public opinion, but by the Father's perfect plan.

He was not living to please people—He was living to please the Father.

True faith will seek to do the will of God and discern truth by the source, not by popularity.



KEY TRUTH

Jesus lived to please the Father, not people—and He moved according to the Father's perfect timing and plan.



ADDITIONAL BIBLE REFERENCES

John 5:18

The Jewish leaders sought to kill Jesus because He claimed to be equal with God.

John 5:39-40

They searched the Scriptures but did not recognize Jesus as the One they testified about.

Mark 3:31-35

Jesus' family thought He was out of His mind, showing they did not understand His mission.

Psalms 27:1

The Lord is our light and salvation—whom shall we fear?

Isaiah 55:8-9

God's ways and timing are higher and better than ours.

Galatians 1:10

Am I now trying to gain the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

John 12:49-50

Jesus came not to please Himself but to do the will of the One who sent Him.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES

(See Leviticus 23:33-43; Deuteronomy 16:13-15)

- Celebrated for 7 days in the seventh month.
- Remembered God's protection and provision in the wilderness.
- A harvest celebration of God's faithfulness and provision.

REMEMBER

Sometimes God says "no" to something good because He has something better in His perfect timing.



APPLICATION

- Will I follow the crowd or the call of the Father?
- Am I seeking God's glory or my own recognition?
- Do I trust God's timing, even when I don't understand it?
- Am I willing to do the will of God and test every teaching by truth?



FILL IN THE BLANK

Read John 7:1-18 and fill in the missing words.

1. Jesus went around in _____ and did not want to go to _____ because the _____ were looking for a way to _____ Him. (v.1)
2. Jesus told His brothers, "My _____ is not yet here; for you _____ will do." (v.6)
3. Anyone who chooses to do the _____ of God will find out whether my _____ comes from God or whether I speak on my _____." (v.17)

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ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION & CONTEXT



THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

The Feast of Tabernacles (Leviticus 23:33-43) was a major Jewish festival lasting seven days. It celebrated God's provision during Israel's wilderness journey and the harvest of the land. People lived in temporary shelters (booths) and gave thanks for God's faithfulness.



OPPOSITION CONTINUES TO GROW

Jesus had already healed on the Sabbath (John 5), claimed equality with God (John 5:18), and forgave sins (John 5:23-24). These claims fueled the leaders' hatred. They weren't concerned about truth—they were threatened by Jesus.



GOD'S TIMING IS PERFECT

Jesus knew He would go to Jerusalem and face the cross (John 12:23, 13:1), but He wasn't rushed by the world's schedule. He trusted the Father's timing completely.



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Both His location (Galilee vs. Judea) and His response to His brothers reveal His heart: obedience over opinion, purpose over popularity, and the Father's will over human approval.



TRUE DISCERNMENT COMES FROM OBEDIENCE

In John 7:17, Jesus says anyone who wants to do God's will will know if His teaching is from God. Obedience opens our eyes to truth. A heart that seeks God will recognize His voice.

FILL IN THE BLANK

- 1 Jesus did not go to Judea because the Jewish leaders were looking for a way to _____ Him. (John 7:1)
- 2 Jesus told His brothers, "My _____ is not yet here; for you any time will do." (John 7:6)
- 3 If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will _____ about the teaching, whether it is from God or whether I am speaking on my own. (John 7:17)



APPLY IT

Are you living to please people, or to please the Father? Ask God to help you trust His timing, follow His will, and live for His glory in every decision you make.