FAITH AT WORK

A STUDY OF JAMES

JAMES 2:26

POP Quiz!!!

God Loves me no matter what I do?

Or

True

False

POP Quiz!!!

God is pleased with me no matter what I do?

False

Or

True

A Pleasing Work Ephesians 5:1-10

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints; and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not

fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ

and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them;

for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth),

trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

Be Imitators

Eph. 5:1 "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us"

Be Imitators

Jesus <u>ALWAYS</u> did what pleased the Father

John 8:29 "The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him."

Be Lightbearers

Eph. 5:8 "for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light"

Be Lightbearers

God equips us to reflect Him and hate sin. Hebrews 13:21 (Now the God of peace) "equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen."

Be God-Pleasers

Eph. 5:10 "trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord."

Be God-Pleasers

We effort to learn what is pleasing to God.

2 Corinthians 5:9-10 I Thessalonians 4:1 Colossians 1:10

Recap

- Be Imitators
- Be Lightbearers
- Be God-Pleasers

Danger Zone

- Isn't this very legalistic?
- What about grace?
- Jesus take the Wheel

Now What?

- Be in the Light
- Bask in the Light
- Walk in the Light
- Reflect the Light