

## You were planned for God's pleasure Days 8-14

"Because I said so!" The four words all parents have used. We all want to know "why" when we are asked to do something.

- When we ask why are we being obedient to God?
- Discuss this statement by Warren, "understanding can wait, but obedience can't"

Read p. 63 PDL

"...like nothing else he ever created."

- What do you think about being "created for his enjoyment"?
- If you are that important to God, and he considers you valuable enough to keep with him for eternity, what greater significance could you have? (position, fame, status, wealth?)

Bring pleasure to God is called worship

- What do people typically think of when they hear the word, worship?

Read last paragraph p. 66-67 PDL

"Worship is not part of your life...my mouth will always praise Him"

- So how do we "worship him continually"
- Is it based on "feelings" or "circumstances"?

Romans 12 (Msg)

*"Take you everyday, ordinary life, your sleeping, eating, going to work and walking around life and place it before God as an offering"*

Read second paragraph p. 71 PDL

“Trusting God completely...”

- How can we tell if we trust in God completely?
- What role do the circumstances of our lives play in trusting God?

Read p. 77 PDL

- Why is it hard for us to surrender?
- Do we need to rethink/redefine what “sinning” means?
- How can constant conversation and continual meditation effect/develop our relationship with God?

Read first paragraph p. 88 and middle of p. 90 PDL beginning with “Meditation is often...”

- What have been some of the misconceptions about meditation?

Read first two paragraphs p. 100 PDL

I Samuel 16:7 says:

*“Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart”, which one should we place the most emphasis on?*

**Day 9 begins with “The smile of God is the goal of your life”**

**Let’s keep Him smiling!**