



# *Devotional Study Guide Journal*

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## ***A God Who Can Be Pleased***

It was in early 1980's that my husband attended a conference for those in ministry. By this time, we were unknowingly bogged down in believing and teaching another gospel. Without acknowledging it to each other, we both longed for the freedom and joy we once knew as believers and ministers. So, a conference always represented a possibility of a breakthrough.

There was no such moment—no altar call where one could weep in despair and get some emotional relief, but the speaker said something that profoundly impressed David.

He said, "We serve a God who can be pleased."

That little flicker of hope was so encouraging because pleasing God was our primary goal in life. Even though this glimmer of hope was encouraging, it still begged the question, "How?" We had been taught SO MANY things about how we were to actually please God. The list kept growing every time we'd hear a sermon, go to a conference, or read a book.

It was nice to know that God COULD be pleased, but the HOW TO escaped us. There was always something MORE we could add that would please Him. Yet we never felt we did. It was the endless goal which could never be reached.

So inspired was he when sharing this good news with me, a song came to my heart.

### *Lord of My Life*

*You are the Lord of my life,  
and I want to make you happy.  
You're Lord of my life.  
How I long to see you smile.  
There is nothing more important in my life  
than to know that I bring pleasure to Your heart.*

God could be pleased. We were so excited about the possibility. How that thought thrilled our hearts...just to know he *could* be pleased, even though we didn't know how to please Him. It would be seven years later,

that our question was finally answered. The answer was so simple that at first it was difficult to believe it.

*The way we please God  
is to believe in His Son  
and to love each other as He loved us.*

**Hebrews 11:6**

*But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must **believe** that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (those who seek Him believing He will reward them).*

**1 John 3: 23**

*And this is His commandment: that we should **believe** on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and **love one another**, as He gave us commandment.*

The way to please God is to believe in Jesus and love each other. Believe in Him. Believe that He loves you. Believe that He will answer your prayers. Instead of spending most of your time doing your growing list of spiritual disciplines, get out there and show love and kindness toward your brothers and sisters.

If pleasing God is what matters to you most, now you know how. Enjoy the journey of faith and love.