PLEASING GOD – WHO DO YOU WANT TO PLEASE? – FRIDAY

- It is our aim is to please <u>the Lord-</u>2Co5:9-We are constantly ambitious and strive earnestly to be pleasing to Him; **ER**-Our only goal is to always please the Lord
 - <u>We want our ways to please Him</u>-**Pr16:7**-When a man's ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with Him
 - We want to do those things that are pleasing in His sight-1Jn3:22-We keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in his sight
 - We want Enoch's testimony-Hb11:5-He had this testimony, that he pleased God
- To please God, your flesh will have to not be pleased/suffer not getting it's way-1Pt4:1-So, since Christ suffered in the flesh for us, for you, arm yourselves with the same thought and purpose [patiently to suffer rather than fail to please God]. For whoever has suffered in the flesh [having the mind of Christ] is done with [intentional] sin [has stopped pleasing himself and the world, and pleases God], ² So that he can no longer spend the rest of his natural life living by [his] human appetites and desires, but [he lives] for what God wills.
 - Your flesh and God want different things-Gal5:17-AC-The desires of the flesh are opposed to the Holy Spirit, and the desires of the spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature)
 - <u>Arm yourself with this mindset</u>-My flesh will suffer before I fail to please God-*Ps15:4-He that swears to his own hurt and changes not*
 - <u>To please God is to do what is pleasing to Him</u>-That means your flesh doesn't get what it wants-*Rm8:8*-They that are in the flesh cannot please God
 - The suffering we endure is the flesh not getting it's way-Not physical suffering
- If God is not pleased then I am not satisfied; If He's not pleased I'm not pleased
 - Fulfillment is from pleasing Him-J4:34-My meat is to do the will (pleasure) of him that sent me
 - It pleases me to do what pleases Him-Ps40:8-I delight to do your will o my God
 - Say this-Jn5:30AC-I have no desire to do what is pleasing to myself