

Let's Please God

Lead a Life of Significance

I. The Recruitment

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV®)

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Moses

Exodus 3:4–6 (NIV®)

⁴ When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." ⁵ "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

Exodus 3:11 (NIV®)

But Moses said to God, "**Who am I**, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

Exodus 3:13 (NIV®)

Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, '**What is his name? Then what shall I tell them?**'"

Exodus 4:1 (NIV®)

Moses answered, "**What if they do not believe me or listen to me** and say, 'The Lord did not appear to you?'"

Exodus 4:10–12 (NIV®)

¹⁰ Moses said to the Lord, "O Lord, **I have never been eloquent**, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue."

¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the Lord? ¹² Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

Exodus 4:13 (NIV®)

But Moses said, "**O Lord, please send someone else to do it.**"

II. Let's Pray — An Invitation Extended to God

1 Samuel 1:10–11 (NIV®)

¹⁰ In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the Lord. ¹¹ And she made a vow, saying, "O Lord Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

III. Let's Do Difficult — Our Willingness to Engage

A. Stop Trying, Start Training

1 Corinthians 9:24–25 (NIV®)

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

B. The Temptation of Easy

Luke 4:5–7 (NIV®)

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ So if you worship me, it will all be yours."

IV. Let's Please God — Our Mission & Motivation

John 17:6–8 (NIV®)

⁶ "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me."

Revelation 1:9–11 (NIV®)

⁹ I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰ On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, ¹¹ which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea."

Proclamation

I am not weary in doing good.

I am not afraid.

I am not discouraged.

I know the Holy Spirit is my Helper.

I was created to honor the Living God.

I dwell in the shelter of the Most High.

I rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress;

He is my God, in whom I trust! Amen.