

A Life That Pleases God Is Very Possible!

Colossians 1:9-14

Sermon Series: Clash Of Kingdoms, Pt.2

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Clash Of Kingdoms Theme Verse:

Colossians 1:9, *For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹²and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of His holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

The Bottom Line:

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Thought: Although spiritual perfection is never possible, spiritual excellence is a **REAL POSSIBILITY**.

Spiritual Excellence Is Marked By Four Characteristics:

- 1) **Bearing Fruit In Every GOOD WORK**

Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people...*

- 2) **Growing In The KNOWLEDGE OF GOD**

Colossians 3:16, *Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.*

- 3) **Being Strengthened With GOD'S POWER**

Hebrews 12:1, *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

4) **JOYFUL THANKFULNESS**

1 Thessalonians 5:16, *Be joyful always; ¹⁷pray continually; ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

Ephesians 5:17, *Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Upcoming Opportunities:

- 1) VBS - just crossed 1,000 kids signed up for VBS. We need laborers.
- 2) Prepare now for the Explore God Spiritual Growth Campaign beginning in September.