

What God Really Wants
A Church That Pleases God – Part 1
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Matthew 3:17 (NIV) *“And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.’”*

What kind of church pleases God?

**A church that pleases God is made up
of people who are pleasing God.**

5 Qualities of a Church That Pleases God

- **A Reverent Church**
- **A Faith-filled Church**
- **A Bold Church**
- **A Unified Church**
- **A Loving Church**

What is a Reverent Church?

**A Reverent Church fears the Lord and
lives with a sincere obedience to Him.**

Psalm 147:11 (NIV) *“The Lord delights in those who fear Him,
who put their hope in His unfailing love.”*

**are
awe filled, reverently aware of God's holiness and authority**

The fear of the Lord is reverence.

**Reverence for God is not a fear that drives us away
from God, but it's an awe that draws us to Him.**

What does your life say you believe about God?

How you view God determines how you live.

Do you take God seriously or do you treat God casually?

Do you have a high view of God or a low view of God?

Low View of God

- **Treat God's Word casually.**
- **Ignore conviction and rationalize sin.**
- **Know what God says but do what you want.**

High View of God

- **Take God's Word seriously.**
- **Repent of your sins quickly.**
- **Obey God with reverence no matter the cost.**

I don't want to be a cultural Christian.

Luke 7:44-46 (NIV) *"Then He turned toward the woman and said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give Me any water for My feet, but she wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give Me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing My feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on My head, but she has poured perfume on My feet."*

When our awe of God fades, our view of God shrinks.

Isaiah 6:3 (NIV) *"And they were calling to one another: 'Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory.'"*

Revelation 4:8b (NIV) *"Day and night they never stop saying: 'Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.'"*

Where has God become casual to you instead of holy?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV) *"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies."*

James 4:14 (NIV) *"Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes."*

Philippians 2:12b-13 (NLT) *"Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. ¹³ For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him."*

You cannot please everybody, but you can please God.