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Years ago, my children found a bunch of things in a garbage dumpster. There were some games and some plaques and some other things that they thought were treasures. One of the plaques had a saying on it that really impacted me, and my kids gave it to me. It said, ***"If it pleases you to please God you can do as you please."***

As I thought about it, I realized how right that saying is. If we want to please God in all that we do, we will never do anything intentionally that doesn't please him. We will think about our actions before we say and do the wrong things, so we live without regret.

That plaque is still on my wall, after 42 years. I occasionally look at it and am reminded that as long as I please God with my life I can do what I choose with my life. In Matthew 6:33 it says, ***"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."*** That is the key with our lives my friends. As we seek God and His kingdom then God takes care of all the things (needs) that we have. By seeking Him, we cannot be deceived, distracted, or destroyed.

It also says in proverbs 37:4 it says, ***"Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."*** There are two ways of looking at this verse. First, if we delight ourselves in the Lord, He will give us the things that we desire. The other way is as we delight ourselves in the Lord, He puts the right desires into our heart. Either way it comes from delighting ourselves in God.

My plaque is a good motto to live by. It has worked for me. I think it can for you too.