

Finding Favor with Both God and Man

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- a. _____ inviting them to know Him.
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- e. _____ for their needs.

II) In response to God's many blessings, God desires his people to _____ Him and His ways in all things (vv. 29, 30; Eph. 5:8-11).

III) If we desire favor with God and man, we should be diligent to _____ God in all things (vv. 26, 29).

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IV) There are _____ for continuing to live by fallen ways in this fallen world (1 Sam. 2:31-34; Gal. 6:7-10).

Applying God's Word to Life

- 1) In most circumstances, who are you most likely to choose to please if you can only please one of these three: yourself, others, OR God?
- 2) What are some of the many ways God has blessed you personally?
- 3) How would you describe your response to God's blessings in your life?
- 4) When you really dig deep into your motivations, what is the driving force behind your desire to:
 - a. Please yourself?
 - b. Please others?
 - c. Please the Lord?
- 5) What are some of the areas or circumstances where you are tempted to choose the approval of yourself or others over the approval of God?
- 6) What would help you to prioritize God's ways in all things?

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- c. Proximity near to God.
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