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Message Series: Living Out God's Purpose

Today's Message: Making God Smile

Numbers 6:25 "May the Lord smile on you..."

Psalm 119:135 "Smile on me, Your servant; teach me the right way to live."

Genesis 6:8 "Noah was a pleasure to the Lord."

Revelation 4:11 "You created everything, and it is for Your pleasure that they exist and were created."

Psalm 149:2 "The Lord takes pleasure in His people."

Ephesians 5:10 "Carefully determine what pleases the Lord."

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Five Things That Make God Smile

1. God Smiles When We Love Him Supremely

Romans 5:5 "... God's love has been poured out into our hearts thru the Holy Spirit, Who has been given to us."

Genesis 6:9

♦ God <u>deeply loves you</u> and <u>desires</u> your <u>love</u> in <u>return</u>... God <u>longs</u> for you to <u>spend time getting</u> to know Him.

2. God Smiles When We Trust Him Completely

Hebrews 11:7

TRUTH: Trusting God completely means having faith that God knows best for your life.

Hebrews 11:6

3. God Smiles When We Obey Him Wholeheartedly

Genesis 6:22

No Wonder God Smiled: Noah obeyed completely; he obeyed exactly; this is wholehearted love.

Psalm 119:33 James 2:24

⇒ "AHA" - "Immediate Action" - Instant obedience will teach you more about God than a live time of Bible Study.

⇒ <u>Obedience</u> often <u>unlocks understanding</u>.

John 14:15

Psalm 37:4, 6

4. God Smiles When We Praise and Thank Him Continually

Genesis 8:20

Psalm 33:1-6

Psalm 33:18, 20-22

Psalm 64:30, 31

⇒ God Smiles When We Use Our God-Given Abilities

Genesis 9:1, 3

Psalm 37:23 "He delights in every detail of their lives."

Psalm 33:13-15

Isaiah 45:9

 \Rightarrow <u>Every act</u> of <u>enjoyment</u> becomes an <u>act of worship</u> bringing God pleasure when we thank God for it.

Psalm 14:2