



AN ALL-CONSUMING AMBITION

2 CORINTHIANS 5:9

Charlie Matz - Compass Bible Church - August 27, 2023

1. Make _____

*2 Corinthians 5:9 (ESV)
9 So whether we are at home or away, we
make it our aim to please him.*

2. Work _____

A. Search _____

B. Sharpen _____

C. Cultivate _____

3. Don't _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Take some time to fill out the following blanks. Think about various circumstances in your life that can be difficult and fill them in so that you can commit to pleasing the Lord regardless of the situation you find yourself in.

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2. Of the three ways to work hard to understand what pleases God, which ones do you need to work to improve? Make a plan to see that happen!

3. **Read Hebrews 4:12.** How often do you experience conviction after reading/studying the Bible? What do you do in response to that conviction?

4. **Read Psalm 139:23-24 and James 4:17.** Is there anything in your life (thoughts or behavior) that your conscience has indicated is a sin and is a barrier to pleasing the Lord? Remember: This could be something you need to start OR stop doing, and it could be something inherently good that is consuming you.

5. **Read Proverbs 15:22 and Proverbs 19:20-21.** Have you surrounded yourself with wise counsel? Write down the names of those you consider wise counsel and share them with the group. Do you run important decisions by them before you finalize your plans? Explain that process.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Steer, Roger. *George Müller: Delighted in God*. Christian Focus, 2015.
 Bunyan, John. *Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners*. Aneko Press, 2018.
 Sherill, Elizabeth. *God's Smuggler*. Hodder & Stoughton, 2015.
 Whitney, Donald S. *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*. NavPress, 2014.
 Packer, J.I. *Knowing God*. IVP, 1993.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for this church to be consumed with a passion to please God no matter what!
 Pray for God to convict us of things that may be barriers to pleasing Him without distraction.
 Pray for God to grow the depth of community at this church so that we may always guide one another in wise counsel.
 Pray for our Life Groups as they kick off a new year this next week!
 Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
8/28	Psalms 23-26	Ephesians 2:1-10
8/29	Psalms 27-30	Ephesians 2:11-22
8/30	Psalms 31-33	Ephesians 3
8/31	Psalms 34-35	Ephesians 4:1-16
9/1	Psalms 36-37	Ephesians 4:17-32
9/2	Psalms 38-40	Ephesians 5:1-21