

Living in a Way That Pleases God (Part 3)

Based on chapter 12 of the book *What Does the Bible Really Teach?* available on jw.org.

OBJECTIVE: Explore what you believe and why, examine what the Bible teaches, and see how you can explain your beliefs to others.



IS TRYING TO PLEASE GOD WORTH THE EFFORT?

1 EXPLORE YOUR BELIEFS

Why might some people say no?

Why might some say yes?

What do *you* believe?

Why do you believe that?

Jehovah's requirements are beneficial and reasonable.

(See chapter 12 of the *Bible Teach* book, paragraphs 17-19.)

Read Isaiah 48:17, 18.

In what ways do Jehovah's requirements benefit us?

Read Deuteronomy 30:11-14 and Psalm 103:14.

How do these verses show that Jehovah never asks more of us than what we can do?



Like removing dirty clothes and putting on clean clothes, we need to strip off the old personality and put on the new personality

We should try our best to live in a way that pleases God.

(See chapter 12 of the *Bible Teach* book, paragraphs 20-22.)

Read Romans 12:9.

Why is it not enough simply to avoid the things that God hates?

Read Colossians 3:9, 10.

In addition to leaving behind “the old personality,” what else must we do to please God?

In what ways have you benefited from putting on “the new personality”?

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EXPLAIN YOUR BELIEFS

IF SOMEONE SAYS...

It's impossible to change your personality.

YOU MIGHT REPLY...

Many people would probably agree with that statement. But I believe differently because...

What scripture could you share with the person?

Bearing in mind the person's viewpoint, how would you reason on that scripture?

IF SOMEONE SAYS...

God's rules are too restrictive.

YOU MIGHT REPLY...

It's true that God has given us rules to guide our conduct. But I believe that these rules actually benefit us because...

What scripture could you share with the person?

Bearing in mind the person's viewpoint, how would you reason on that scripture?
