Pleasing to him

- Who's report will you believe? People sing this song but really don't understand the report of the Lord. Sure we find His prophetic desires for his creation in the word. 3John 2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. But what system are we graded on daily?
- We should seek to please God everyday of our lives. We can't take a day off, but we should always give our best effort to be pleasing to Him. John 8:29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.
- He renews His mercies to us each day, and gives us another chance to get it right each day of our lives. But we must grow in Him and understand what pleases Him in order to get a good grade from Him. Eph. 5:9 (Because the fruit of the light is in all righteousness and in everything which is good and true), Testing by experience what is well-pleasing to the Lord;

Created for His Glory

- To understand God's scoring system, we must first understand what we were created for. We were created to be living breathing examples of Him in the earth. Is. 43:7 Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.
- We were created to bring glory to Him by operating in our creation roles and operating the way we were created to operate. If we are to please our creator, then we have to function like we were created to.
- God scores us based on this and nothing else. We don't get extra points for good behavior or extra money because we are sinless. God expects our best without us expecting a return because our best is the return for the life he gave us. Rom. 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

We are graded on what we are responsible for. Men are graded as follows:

1. **Provision** - When man was created, he was given a job. And because of the fall, he must work to have provision. God grades men on their provision for their families. He considers a man that does not provide an infidel or sinner. 1Tm. 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

2. **Protection** - Men are coverings for their families. We are graded on how we protect our families from harm and how we cover their esteem with our strength. The devil must come through us to spoil our goods. If we are not standing strong, then we will bring harm to our loved ones. Mark 3:27 No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.

3. **Priest** - Men are the spiritual leaders of their homes. We set the tone for where we fellowship, how God speaks to our home, and we operate with authority to set order in our homes. Our wives and children must be totally submitted to the spiritual authority of the man in the
home. When this is not present, then the man is weak and unfit for the title "head of household". 1Pet. 3:7
Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers be not hindered.

Women are graded as follows:
1. **Helper** - The woman was created to be a help meet for the man. This essentially means that she is a companion for the man. A woman's focus should be pleasing her man. If her focus is herself, then she lacks the esteem to be a helper. 1Cor. 7:34 There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

2. **Nourisher** - Women are equipped with the ability to have children, but must learn how to nourish them. Self denial is key for this as well because if a woman has major deficits in her life, then she will not possess good nourishing skills and abilities. This is because if you aren't willing to find yourself in your home, you will search for your identity in other things. Titus 2:4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

3. **Vessel** - The bible refers to the woman as the weaker vessel because of her emotions. But a woman is a vessel for the man. She is the beauty that covers him, she is the grace that balances him, and she is the encouragement that supports him. She pleases God by pleasing him. But when she is contrary, she destroys him and blows up her own home. 1Pet. 3:3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

**Summary** - God is not grading us on our spirituality because our righteousness is filthy rags to Him. He is righteous and Jesus paid it all, so, we can’t get any points for that. God grades us on what we were created to be. The church has created spiritual addicts that seek to prove their value through spiritual things and consistently seek after moves of God to feel good about their spiritual abilities. But God desires for us to focus on what’s important to Him. Being a strong man, father and husband, being a good, supportive, graceful wife. Raising our children in love and peace. These are the things that should matter more than anything. God wants us to love Him, but we must love Him through the roles he created us in and this is a sure way for him to find pleasure in us. Then and only then can we receive good marks from Him.

1Cor. 15:46 But that which is natural comes before that which is of the spirit.