

1. In your own spiritual life, how do you distinguish between striving to earn God's favor and striving because you already have it?
2. Can you share a time when you experienced a shift in your internal "will"—a new desire to obey or serve—that you realized was God's grace rather than your own willpower?
3. How does the illustration of a child bringing a simple gift to a parent help you understand what it means to work for God's "good pleasure?"
4. What are some practical ways we can better encourage each other in our "visible acts of piety and charity" without falling into the trap of being "eye-pleasers?"
5. If God is meticulously working within us, why do we still experience seasons of failure or disordered desires?
6. How does the truth that God is the one who "completes the work he began" provide you with courage to keep "working out" your salvation when you feel weary?