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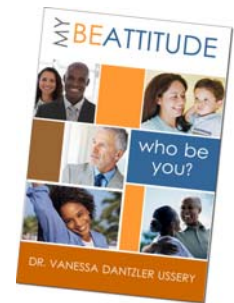
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## PLEASURED BY GOD

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*"They relish and feast on the abundance of Your house; and You cause them to drink of the stream of Your pleasures." – Psalm 36:8 (Amplified)*

*God's goal is to see you abundantly satisfied and He wants to see you have pleasure in our life. Some church people mistakenly think we're not supposed to have pleasure. For years some would have us believe pleasure was unrighteous. Here He's telling you, I want you to be abundantly satisfied, and I'm providing for you to drink from the river of **My** pleasures. Everything that God made in the earth, He made it for us to be pleased. Not the things that are to hurt you, because of course when sin came, it also brought some things into the world that are not so good.*



*What He wants you to see is that contained within Him is true happiness. Remember the scripture says in Psalms 16:11, "...at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore." That means the pleasures are forevermore, they don't start when you get to heaven, they start now. Do you know it hurts God's heart to see us unhappy? We don't see that, because we say, "I guess God's doing this to punish me." The teaching at church made us think for years that all we were good for anyway was a good punishment, a good licking, and a good kicking upside the head. That isn't even in His agenda. Discipline by God's standard is not to see how miserable one can be, it's His form of behavior adjustment in order to change the way we think! God's ultimate goal for us is to be satisfied and pleased. (Excerpt from my book, "My Be Attitude", pg 120)*

When the enemy attacks your mind to think serving God is designed to make your life miserable, change that thought to support the word of God. Pleasured by God is really about living a full life where we enjoy the blessings God has provided. Enjoy a sunny day at the beach, walking in the park, dinner with family and/or friends, traveling, relaxing at home, taking a vacation or staycation. We don't neglect God when we enjoy living. We neglect God when we pleasure in sin. That's the difference. Being pleased by God cannot include sinful activities. There is much in our world to enjoy where our life remains a testament to the glory of God while engaged in other activities!

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