

**Between Your Ears**  
**What Do You Believe About Pleasure?**  
3.17.21 Middle School  
3.24.21 High School

Common Approaches to Pleasure:

1. I'll do anything I can to have it.
2. All pleasure is evil

Biblical View of Pleasure:

1. God \_\_\_\_\_ pleasure - so it's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Genesis 2.8-9:** <sup>8</sup> Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. <sup>9</sup> The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

2. Pleasure \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
3. Pleasure requires \_\_\_\_\_.

**Genesis 2.15-17:** <sup>15</sup> The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden,<sup>17</sup> but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

**Romans 1.25:** <sup>25</sup> They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

4. Pleasure left unchecked can be \_\_\_\_\_.

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