



### No Growth - Pleasure

**And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.**

*Luke 8:14*

**Please** ----- Romans 15:1

**Look** ----- 1 John 2:16

**Eager** ----- James 1:15

**Addiction** ----- 1 Peter 2:11

**Self** ----- Proverbs 25:28

**Urge** ----- Titus 2:6

**Ruin** ----- Luke 6:49

**Empty** ----- Isaiah 55:2

Pleasure is self-explanatory. The root word is to please. The letters that remain from this word are u and r. These letters pronounce together to sound like the word your. Pleasure is to please yourself.



The flesh attempts to consume our time with the material things of this world to keep us away from God.

Pleasure is our time we spend pleasing ourselves. However, this may cause us to neglect the opportunity to share some of the happiness with others. The problem with indulging in these pleasures is that we may look ahead without focusing on what is right in front. This anticipation could trap us into sin.

Pleasure is associated with fleshly, carnal desires. This habit of activity jeopardizes our spirit from pursuing the will of God. The decision to prioritize the needs of the flesh over spiritual requirements will set us back.

The constant appetite for feeding the external will eventually lead to ruin. The trick the devil uses on humans is persuasion. Influencing us to feel that nothing is wrong with what we are doing, not hurting anyone, but we are hurting someone, ourselves.

There is an area within us that only God can fill that the flesh will try. There are people today that use drugs, alcohol, and other fleshy desires to attempt to fulfill. However, when God made humans in His image, He left that vacant for spiritual purposes.

**Bible Verse:** 1 Timothy 5:6 - He or she, Anyone.