

In our 2nd Reading, Paul challenges us by writing: “Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.” In the Gospel, Jesus heals a man born blind. Release from pain and suffering is pleasing to God.

Daily we are confronted with choices, options, temptations. We make decisions one way or another. One way to assist us in our efforts is to ask: Is this choice or decision pleasing to the Lord?

For example, we feel like being sarcastic. A good line comes to mind. We realize that the comment is not conducive to harmonious relationships. We choose to remain quiet because it is pleasing to the Lord.

We do not want to help out with household chores because we are angry with a family member. However, we do assist because we know it is beneficial to cooperate and it is pleasing to the Lord.

We have no interest in hearing our mother-in-law or father-in-law tell the same story for the 500th time. Yet, we listen because it is the kind and loving thing to do and it is pleasing to the Lord.

Most of the time we know what is pleasing to the Lord; doing so is difficult.

So, “Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.” Do it.

Then, my sisters and brothers, the light of Christ shines within us. The light of Christ shines around us.