

**Ezra's Method for Pleasing God**  
**Ezra 7:10**  
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Introduction

1. Ezra covers a span of 70 to 80 years. (537-457)
2. This book gives an account of the restoration of Israel.

THE FOUR THINGS EZRA DID TO PLEASE GOD (Ezra 7:10)

A. He ***prepared*** his heart.

1. Preparation has always been important. (**Amos 4:12**)
2. John prepared the way for Jesus. (**Matthew 3:3**)
3. The example of a man who found grace in the eyes of the Lord. (**Hebrews 11:7**)
4. What will happen with preparation? (**Luke 1:17**)

B. He ***sought*** the law of the Lord.

1. **Deuteronomy 4:2,29** – We are to seek the Lord with all our hearts.
2. **I Chronicles 28:8** – If we seek, we will find.
3. **Psalm 27:4; Ecclesiastes 1:13**
4. New Testament passages on "seek": (**Matthew 6:33; 7:7; Luke 19:10; Galatians 1:10; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 11:6; John 5:30**)
5. Compare the Beth Section of Psalm 119.(Ps 119:9-16)

C. Ezra's ***intention*** was to do the Law.

1. This should be our intention also. (**Hebrews 5:8,9; Matthew 7:21; Luke 6:46**)
2. It is the ones who do that are justified. (**Rom. 2:13**)
3. We must not be hearers only. (**James 1:22**)
4. By obeying and loving we know who we are. (**I John 5:2**)

D. And ***teach*** God's statutes and judgments to the people.

1. **Acts 24:25**. Paul reasoned with Felix of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come.
2. **Matthew 28:18-20**, "Go teach all nations."
3. The method of Jesus was to teach. He was mostly called a teacher, a rabbi.

Conclusion:

1. Are you preparing your heart?
2. Are you seeking to laws of Christ?
3. Do you have the intention to be a doer?
4. Are you willing to teach others? Your children, grandchildren, others?