

## Galatians 1:10 (NLT2)

***Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant.***

If you are worried about what others think about you, then you don't care what God thinks about you.

Yet how often do Christians try to please others (the world), some with the way they dress, others with the music they listen to, some with the food they eat. What about those who only watch Podcasts, TV shows or Movies to be able to tell others about it, and it makes them feel like they are part of the "in" crowd because they watch them. Even though they are things that a Christian should not be watching or listening to.

What about at church? Are you the same person outside of the church as you are on Sunday in the church? I was talking to my friend about that the other day and his response was that we are trained or brought up to act a certain way in church, which I agree with. But how many think about the way they dress before they go to church, making sure they are dressing "church" appropriate. But away from church, hey, let it all hang out (At least for some), or they will wear tee shirts with certain graphics or saying on them that they would never be caught dead wearing in church.

How about the way people talk, is it the same as when they are away from church as it is in church? What about the things you talk about. Do you only talk about the bible and God and Jesus with people at church, but away from church, you hardly (if ever) mention God, Jesus or the bible?

Didn't Jesus say to us:

***John 15:18-19 "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you."***

So then, why do people do these things? Because in reality, they are more worried about what others will think about them, So they want to look, and even be like the world, so they will feel accepted.

But the bible tells us different. Paul wrote;

**✠ 2 Corinthians 6:17 Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you."**

Yet so many Christians seem to be more men pleasers than God pleasers. For those who are, Jesus has a question for you;

† **Matthew 16:26** *For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?*

But if you desire to be pleasing to God, it doesn't matter what man (or woman) thinks about you. When you are pleasing God with your life, your speech, your everything is what matters, and it doesn't matter if others accept you or not, because you are not trying to please the world or be accepted by the world, but by God, the One that you will be spending eternity with... Forever!

† **Luke 6:22 (KJV)** *Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.*