

## Luke 12:8-9

*Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God. But he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.*

Are you more concerned with what people think about you than what the Lord thinks about you?

Maybe you are dating someone right now and you have started to, or been compromising your walk with the Lord, spending less time with the Lord in His word, in prayer and at church. If that's the case, then you need to reevaluate your relationship with that person, because it should not hinder your relationship/walk with the Lord but rather enhance it or make it even better.

Some will compromise the places that they go to, the movies they watch, the music they listen to, and even the people they hang out with, trying to impress them so that they will like them... so they can be a witness to them. Well, at least that's the excuse they use. But if you want to be a witness or an example of a Christian to the lost, you won't be one by doing what they do, going to the places that they go to, etc. because that actually tells them that they can be a Christian, but live in, or flirt with sin at the same time, which is not a witness of what a Christian is.

Jesus said in today's verse that, "*whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God.*" But by compromising your lifestyle and walk with the Lord, you must realize that this is not confessing Jesus before men, but it's showing them a false Jesus, and not the Jesus of the bible.

Jesus said that "*No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.*" **Luke 16:13 (NLT2)** Right now as a Christian, don't you despise the sin that's in the world? But are you now creeping back into the world, and those things that you used to despise, and are you now starting to do them again? That shows you are changing your Master to a false master that you used to serve before you came to Jesus.

During the Holidays, and when you are with your family, will you change who you are in Christ Jesus, so that your family does not reject you or make fun of you when you get together with them?

Now don't get me wrong, we are told to be a witness and share Jesus with others, but we are never told to shove Jesus down peoples throats or rebuke or put down our family because they don't follow Jesus, or even because of their lifestyle.

If Jesus was at your family gathering for Thanksgiving and sitting around the dinner table or in the living room watching football with the gang, do you really think He would start preaching to everyone and putting them down because of how they lived? No, here is what He would do.

† **Matthew 9:10-13** *Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "**Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.'** For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."*

He would have mercy on them and love them. When we do the same thing, that is when we are confessing Jesus before men. Because when you show love, grace and mercy on others and treating them with love, you are showing them Jesus, Who is in you.

† **Colossians 1:27** *To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

† **2 John 1:3** *Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.*