

## Mark 10:14-16

*But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.*

A child looks out in the audience after singing a song, or dancing on stage, or playing a part in a play to see if his or her parents were watching, and if they are clapping and smiling and were pleased with their performance. It doesn't matter if the rest of the audience is clapping or if they were pleased, because it's more about who they were performing for, their parents, who they want to make happy. But even if their child sang off key or looked like an elephant dancing on coals of fire, or they missed every single cue and forgot so many words in their recital or play, in their parent's eyes, they did perfectly.

Even we as Christians think that God deserves the best of the best, which He does. But isn't it up to Him to determine what that best is? Like a parent, does not God see us wanting to please Him, and we feel like there are so many others that can do way better than us? But God says, No, I am pleased with how you do that for Me, if I would had wanted someone else to do it, I would have had him or her do it, but I chose you, because you do it exactly how I knew you would, from your heart!

You may hear and see these great vocalists sing and dance around on stage, and think, *"I'll never ever in a million years be able to sing like that, so God could not be pleased with my voice, if He can hear that voice instead."* Yet that vocalist sings songs that are not pleasing to the Lord, nor is their lifestyle pleasing to the Lord. Yet your voice may be on tune most of the time, and it may sound just ok. But God knows that your life is to please Him, and your songs are sung to Him, and not to sin. Therefore, you are more pleasing to God with your mediocre voice than all of the greatest of singers who have won multiple Grammy Awards for their performances.

If you are reading this, then you know that I teach God's word, and have for years, but I do more than these daily devotionals, I also teach a weekly bible study online. I also am a Christian musician and have my music on all streaming audio formats and I play on the worship team at the church I go to. But I am not well known at all for either my teachings or my music, 99.999999% of the world has no idea who I am, or have ever read any of my daily devotionals, or bible studies or have heard my music. But you know what, it doesn't matter, because I do it to be pleasing to the Lord, not the world. I'd rather hear the Lord say to me when I get to heaven, ***"His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'"*** **Matthew 25:21**

Then to have the applause from millions in this world and to hear my Lord in heaven say to me,  
“*Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:'*” **Matthew 25:41**

So take your eyes off of the world, looking for their acceptance, and fix your eyes on Jesus, only then will you hear Him say to you: *'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'*

† *But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.* **Matthew 6:3-4**