

GOD'S APPROVAL IS ENOUGH

Galatians 1:10 NIV

WHO ARE YOU TRYING TO PLEASE?

1. Do I seek to please men?
2. Whose approval am I living for?
3. Will I live for the applause of people, or will I live for the approval of God?

☐ PEOPLE'S APPROVAL IS ALWAYS CHANGING!

- ☐ It is impossible to make everyone happy.
- ☐ Jesus didn't make everyone happy!
- ☐ John 8:29 "for I always do what pleases him"
- ☐ Jesus wasn't controlled by public opinion. He was committed to pleasing His Father.

☐ THE NEED FOR APPROVAL CAN BECOME A PRISON!

- ☐ Proverbs 29:25-26
- ☐ What are others thinking, saying, talking about me?
- ☐ People's opinions become louder than God's voice
- ☐ You cannot faithfully follow Jesus while allowing everybody else to hold the steering wheel of your life.
- ☐ "I love you, but I have to obey God."

☐ DO NOT LET PEOPLE GRADE WHAT GOD HAS ALREADY APPROVED!

- ☐ God has a plan for you, stay in your lane.
- ☐ What do you think? Am I qualified?
- ☐ Does everyone agree with this?
- ☐ Difference between seeking wisdom and needing validation.
- ☐ Wise counsel helps us to obey God. People-pleasing makes us afraid to obey God.

☐ PEOPLE-PLEASING WILL COMPETE WITH GOD-PLEASING.

- ☐ Galatians 1:10 "For if I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ."
- ☐ Be spiritually mature in this.
- ☐ Caring for people different from being controlled by their approval.
- ☐ Acts 5:29 "We must obey God rather than men"
- ☐ Not because we are better than others but because Jesus is Lord.

☐ REJECTION WITH STRIVING TO PROVE YOURSELF TO OTHERS.

- ☐ Isaiah 53:3 "despised and rejected of men"
- ☐ Misunderstood, criticized, proving your decision.
- ☐ The crowd didn't determine His identity or worth.
- ☐ Your identity is found in Christ.

☐ WHEN GOD'S APPROVAL BECAME ENOUGH, YOU BECOME FREE!

- ☐ Free to obey, serve, and receive corrections.
- ☐ 1 Thessalonians 2:4 "We are not trying to please men, but God, who tests our hearts."

☐ THERE IS ONLY ONE "APPROVAL" THAT REALLY MATTERS!

- ☐ Matthew 25:21 "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."
- ☐ The only approval worth living for.
- ☐ You were never called to live for an approval from everybody.
- ☐ You were called to live for the approval of One.