

The Bondservant of Christ Galatians 1:10

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Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent." - John 6:28-29

Am I now trying to win the approval of people or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be the Messiah's servant. - Galatians 1:10 (ISV)

If you care more about pleasing _____
than pleasing _____, then you're not following Jesus.

*For God's instructions regarding Hebrew slaves, see
Deuteronomy 15:12-18*

Bondservants would have all their _____
provided for by their master. Their role was to concern
themselves with the question, "What does my master
want me to do _____?"

*Viewing ourselves as bondservants and our Heavenly Father as our
master gives us greater insight into Jesus' words in Matthew 6:25-33*

Important Questions:

- Who/What is your master?

*'The person or thing that we look to, believing in faith that they or it
will be able to provide everything we need (food, shelter, security,
existential fulfillment, etc.)*

- Are they/Is it able to provide everything you need?

*"There is no salvation by anyone else, for there is no other name
under heaven given among people by which we must be saved."
- Acts 4:12 (Peter speaking of Jesus)*

For the believer, almost all _____ is the result of
worrying about things that are above our _____.

Every _____ has to decide if they
_____ offending people or offending God.

*"Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you
hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. And do not fear those
who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is
able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows
sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground
apart from your Father's will. But the very hairs of your head are all
numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than
many sparrows." - Matthew 10:27-31 (Jesus speaking to His
Disciples)*

*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the
knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." - Proverbs 9:10*

*The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord shall
be safe. - Psalm 29:25*

We don't live _____ the approval of God, we live
_____ the approval of God.

A believer cannot and will not be a _____.

*In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and His children
will have a place of refuge. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life,
to turn one away from the snares of death. - Proverbs 14:26-27*