



SERMON NOTES

Getting Out of Your Own Way

Part Four - Can't Please Everyone

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Care about what other people think and you will always be their prisoner.
—LAO TZU

Romans 15:1-7 (NLT)

1 We who are strong must be considerate of those who are sensitive about things like this. We must not just please ourselves. 2 We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord. 3 For even Christ didn't live to please himself. As the Scriptures say, "The insults of those who insult you, O God, have fallen on me." 4 Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled. 5 May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. 6 Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory.

THREE TYPES OF PEOPLE

1. THOSE WHO LIVE TO PLEASE _____

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SIGNS YOU ARE A SELF-PLEASER

1. You get easily defensive.
2. You are not a team player.
3. You complain frequently.
4. 51% of your conversational words are about you.
5. You blame others for your lot in life.
6. You are more about self-care than self-improvement.
7. Your life is not devoted in service to something greater than yourself.
8. You feel entitled.

2. THOSE WHO LIVE TO PLEASE _____

1 Thessalonians 2:4 (NLT)

4 For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts.

Galatians 1:10 (ESV)

10 For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

SIGNS YOU ARE A PEOPLE-PLEASER

1. You make yourself responsible for how others feel.
2. You find it difficult to cope with anyone being mad at you.
3. You agree with people even if you disagree with an opinion.
4. You apologize profusely.
5. You go overboard trying to impress others.
6. You avoid conflict at any cost.

3. THOSE WHO LIVE TO PLEASE _____

1 Thessalonians 4:1 (NLT)

1 Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you. You live this way already, and we encourage you to do so even more.

SIGNS YOU ARE A GOD-PLEASER

1. God comes first, literally.

Matt. 6:33a (NKJV) "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness..."

2. You lead others to please God.

Daniel 12:3 (CEV) "Everyone who has been wise will shine as bright as the sky above, and everyone who has led others to please God will shine like the stars."

3. It is your goal and aim in life to please God.

2 Corinthians 5:9 (NCV) "Our only goal is to please God whether we live here or there." (also see Pro. 16:7; 1 Thess. 4:1; Heb. 11:6)

4. You have a "get to" not a "have to" attitude in serving God.

1 Peter 5:2b (MSG) "...Not because you have to, but because you want to please God. Not calculating what you can get out of it, but acting spontaneously."

ANSWERS:

1. THEMSELVES
2. OTHERS
3. THE LORD