

Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ. Galatians 1:10 (NIV)

Approval

I certainly don't want to live for that. **You don't want to live for what?** I don't want to live for the approval of men. **Why is that?** Living for the approval of men is a waste of time and energy. **How so?** It's like trying to please everyone. That's an impossible task. Let me tell you, I'm speaking from experience. Living to please others leaves a person weary and worn out. Not only it is impossible, it is also thankless. I could run myself ragged and somewhere, someone would be unhappy and disapprove of my efforts. **So, you won't try to please anyone, is that correct?** No, that is not correct.

Who will you live to please? First, let me say that there is another even more important reason not to try to live to please men. A choice needs to be made. **Why is that?** It is impossible to try and please both you and men. What you desire and what men desire are in direct conflict with each other. Mankind is self-serving. Mankind seeks its own benefit. Mankind wants comfort and pleasure. Mankind has hopes and dreams and desires that are entirely earthly and completely unspiritual. Mankind lives in opposition to you. **That's true.**

So, it is your desire to live to please me? Yes, it is my desire to live in ways that please you. I want to live as your servant in the world. I want to go and do whatever you ask of me. I want to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. I want to shine as your light in the world. In every way and on every day, I want to be faithful to you. I want to live a life that is approved by you. I want your hand to guide me. I want your favor to rest on me. **Those are very good desires. There is something more that you want to say, isn't there?** Yes, there is. **I'm listening.** I know you are always listening. I know that you know what I am going to say even before I say it. **That's true.** Well, here goes, I can't make myself faithful. I can't make myself fruitful. On my own, with my own strength, I can't live a life that is pleasing to you. Only your light can shine in and through me. Only you can help me to live a life that is approved by you. For me to be fruitful your hand will need to guide me, and your favor will need to rest on me. **Is that your prayer? Is that your request? Is that your urgent desire?** Yes, it is. I will hear and answer your prayer. **You will live to please me. You will live a life that has my approval.** Thank you, Lord.

Lord, for far too often I cared entirely too much about others thought about me. I lived for the approval of men. I tried to live up to everyone's expectations. What a foolish mistake. No more of that! Now, I will live as your servant, seeking to solely please you. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *A Servant Of Christ*

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NIV Galatians 1:10

Becoming Like Christ *A Servant Of Christ*

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.

ESV Galatians 1:10

Becoming Like Christ *Christ's Servant*

Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant.

NLT Galatians 1:10

Becoming Like Christ *A Bondservant Of Christ*

For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

NKJV Galatians 1:10

Becoming Like Christ *A Servant Of Christ*

Am I now seeking human approval, or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

NRSV Galatians 1:10

Becoming Like Christ *Christ's Slave*

Do you think I speak this strongly in order to manipulate crowds? Or curry favor with God? Or get popular applause? If my goal was popularity, I wouldn't bother being Christ's slave.

MSG Galatians 1:10

Becoming Like Christ *A Servant Of Christ*

Now am I trying to win the favor of men, or of God? Do I seek to please men? If I were still seeking popularity with men, I should not be a bond servant of Christ (the Messiah).

AMP Galatians 1:10

Becoming Like Christ *Christ's Servant*

You can see that I am not trying to please you by sweet talk and flattery; no, I am trying to please God. If I were still trying to please men I could not be Christ's servant.

TLB Galatians 1:10

Becoming Like Christ *A Bond-Servant Of Christ*

For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.

NASB Galatians 1:10

Becoming Like Christ *A Servant Of Christ*

Do you think I am trying to make people accept me? No, God is the One I am trying to please. Am I trying to please people? If I still wanted to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

NCV Galatians 1:10

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you live as a Christ's servant, seeking to please Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will live as your servant, seeking to please you

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I live as your servant, seeking to please you today?
