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DISCIPLESHIP
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"Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God?

Or am I trying to please people?

If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ."

(Galatians 1:10, NIV)

Disciples Value God's Approval

The world is constantly trying to conform us to its image. But Romans 12:2 says, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is---His good, pleasing and perfect will." (NIV).

Conforming to God's pattern may not make us popular or rich. But we don't serve God because of what He can do for us; we serve Him because He is God. Job, a faithful disciple of the Lord, was so sure of this fact that he told his friends, "Though He slay me, yet will I hope in Him." (Job 13:15, NIV).

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were so sure of this fact that they refused to bow before a golden idol erected by the Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar, even at the risk of being thrown into a "blazing furnace" (Daniel 3:15, NIV).

As God's disciples, we must come to the ultimate point of faithfulness where we value and seek God's approval more than the world's fame or riches.

