

Devotional: God's Approval vs Man's Approval

Christian Devotion on God's Approval

Read: Colossians 3:22-25(NKJV)

Although this scripture is aimed at servants/employees, it is applicable to each one of us in our lives, whether we are in employment, or working in the home, or in a particular full-time ministry. Whatever we are doing, let us not be looking to man's approval. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. Whatever we do, let us do it as if we are doing it for Jesus. May we not be pleasers of men, performing well when their eyes are on us. Because our reward does not come from men, but from the Lord, as verse 24 says, "Knowing [with all certainty] that it is from the Lord [and not from men] that you will receive the inheritance which is your [real] reward. [The one whom] you are actually serving [is] the Lord Christ (the Messiah)."

So often we may look for approval from others and quite often it doesn't come. We shouldn't rely on that, or even look for that. In the end, it is God who we will stand before to give an account (Romans 14:10-12).

Let us look for our Master's approval smile. To hear the words 'Well done, my good and faithful servant'.

And yet [in spite of all this] many even of the leading men (the authorities and the nobles) believed and trusted in Him. But because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, for fear that [if they should acknowledge Him] they would be expelled from the synagogue; for they loved the approval and the praise and the glory that come from men [instead of and] more than the glory that comes from God. [They valued their credit with men more than their credit with God]. - John 12:42-43 (AMPC)

May I always please you, Lord,
In everything I do
And not be seeking man's approval,
But to desire it from you.

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