

THE CHURCH OF
Eleven22

Windsor Campus

A study through the book of Galatians

BE FREE

Approval of Man

Galatians 1 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.

The Point

As believers we are called to seek the approval of God rather than of man, prioritizing faithfulness to Christ above the expectations and opinions of others.

PEOPLE
PLEASER

anxietyflower

People Pleaser

- Culture of victimhood
- “Keeping up with the Jones”
- Vacation pics
- Comparison gap
 - Kills freedom
 - Leads to condemnation
 - Loose – loose

People Pleaser

- Cannot serve two masters
- Paul the best Pharisee
- Mans' approval is temporary – We will let somebody down
- People pleasing is exhausting

People Pleasers

- People pleaser characteristics
 - Celebrate & respect differences in culture, ethnicity, gender & background, recognizing the value of diverse perspectives & experiences
 - Prioritize understanding & supporting others, showing genuine care & consideration for the well-being of those around them

People Pleasers

- People pleaser characteristics (cont.)
 - Mindful of their impact on the planet, actively seeking sustainable practices & advocating for environmental conservation & stewardship
 - Stand up against discrimination, inequality & injustice, working towards creating a fairer & more equitable society for all individuals, regardless of their background

People Pleasers

- People pleaser characteristics (cont.)
 - Approach information with skepticism, critically evaluating sources & perspectives while remaining open to new ideas & constructive dialogue
 - Empower others by fostering inclusive environments where everyone feels valued, respected & heard, promoting collaboration & collective growth

People Pleasers

- People pleaser characteristics (cont.)
 - Demonstrate resilience in the face of challenges, embracing change as an opportunity for personal & societal growth & adapting to new circumstances with flexibility & optimism
 - Prioritize continuous learning & self-improvement, seeking out opportunities for growth intellectually, emotionally & spiritually & encouraging others to do the same

People Pleasers

- People pleaser characteristics (cont.)
 - Recognize their interconnectedness with the global community, taking responsibility for their actions on a global scale & actively engaging in efforts to address global issues such as poverty, conflict & health crises

GOD PLEASERS

God Pleasers

- We are accountable to God
- Can't win His approval – We already have it
- We are His beloved
- God is pleased Jesus' righteousness in us
- Point of life is to live as our Father wants us to live
- We cannot let God down
- “Well done good and faithful servant”

God Pleasers

- Secret to peace, contentment & freedom from the spirit of fear
- Living for God's approval may lead to man's approval
- God's approval is all that counts in the end

God Pleasers

- God pleaser characteristics
 - Empathy & compassion towards others, actively seeking to understand & alleviate their suffering.
 - Forgiveness & grace towards those who wrong them, embodying the idea of turning the other cheek & offering second chances
 - Humility, prioritizing service to others over personal recognition or status

God Pleasers

- God pleaser characteristics (cont.)
 - Embody love in action, showing kindness, patience, & selflessness in interactions with others
 - Advocate for justice and righteousness, standing up for the oppressed & marginalized
 - Live with integrity & honesty, adhering to moral principles even when faced with temptation or adversity

God Pleasers

- God pleaser characteristics (cont.)
 - Generous with their resources, time & talents, willingly sharing what they have to bless others
 - Unwavering faith & trust in God, relying on divine guidance & strength to navigate life's challenges

Questions

- How are you doing in living a life that pleases God?
- Who are the people and/or groups in your life that you are trying to please & how are you doing?
- How does your desire to please God conflict with your desire to please people?

A study through the book of Galatians

BE FREE

Approval of Man

THE CHURCH OF
Eleven22

Windsor Campus