

Volume 2 – Day 10: For Applause or Pleasure

Throughout our lives we seek recognition, affirmation, significance and many other things. What is it that we're looking for? We seek a sense of self-worth. And when we come to God, we want to serve Him along that line. Yet, we want to maintain some semblance of affirmation and some semblance of recognition in the course of serving our God. Unfortunately, it is the desire for the applause of others that spawns all sorts of hurt feelings. When we do something significant and do not hear, "Thank you," or worse yet someone else gets the credit for it, we are hurt and possibly even angry.

One who is truly living a Christ-like life never tries to draw attention to himself. Christ never did things in order to be affirmed or recognized. He often told those whom He healed to go quietly and not mention His name.

The very opposite seems to be true in human circles, even in Christian circles. Once we've received Christ, we are more than delighted to serve God, but we're still looking over our shoulder or out the corner of our eye to see who's watching. Yet, when one receives Jesus Christ, the opportunity is presented to develop a passionately, intimate relationship with Christ. Only such a relationship will cause us to desire nothing except to please Jesus. We desire that the one we love be indulged, affirmed and adored. We don't need affirmation from other people because we know that we have pleased God!

My Confirming Scriptures:

Aligning Experiences: