

PLEASING PEOPLE



What will they think?

I wish I could say, "No!"

Will they get mad?

What if I say no?

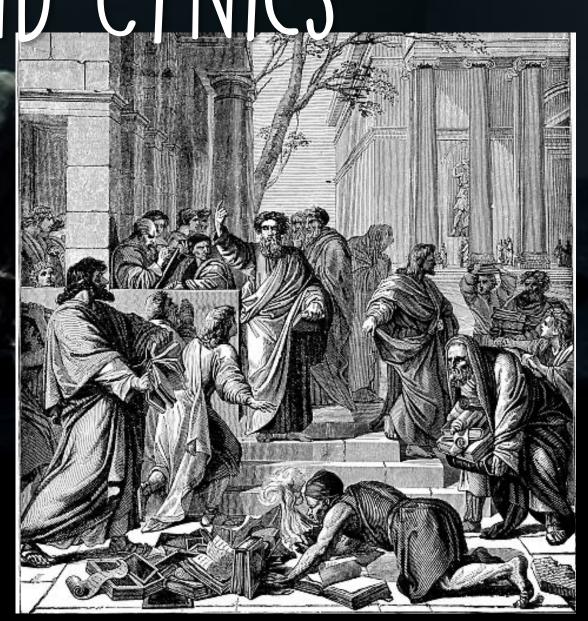
Will we still be friends?

A Picture of a People Pleaser

SOPHISTS AND CYNICS

1 THESSALONIANS

Following Jesus produces a COUNTER-CULTURAL way of life that responds to hostility with LOVE and generosity and is motivated by HOPE in the coming Kingdom of Jesus.



DEAD TO THE WORLD

I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST.

It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in Me.

GALATIANS 2:20

WHEN CHRIST
CALLS A MAN,
HE BIDS HIM
COME AND DIE.

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

PLEASING_GOD, NOT PEOPLE

YES, EVERYTHING ELSE IS
WORTHLESS WHEN COMPARED
WITH THE INFINITE VALUE
OF KNOWING CHRIST JESUS
MY LORD. FOR HIS SAKE I
HAVE DISCARDED EVERYTHING
ELSE, COUNTING IT ALL AS
GARBAGE, SO THAT I COULD
GAIN CHRIST.

PHILIPPIANS 3:8 NLT



TAKE IT HOME:

- and die die to PLEASING
 OTHERS, die to the trappings
 and desires of the world –
 things never designed to truly
 satisfy. This gradual death
 leads to TRUE LIFE.
- 2. If you are in the process of dying to self and haven't been **BAPTIZED**, it is so important to take this step of obedience.



- 3. Practicing COMMUNITY with others who are committed to dying to self is key to living for Christ. Join a Life Group.
- 4. COMMUNION is a monthly reminder that TRUE LIFE is found on the other side of death. Come to the table to commit yourself to God's loving invitation to DIE.