



John 3:25-30

25 Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. **26** And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him." **27** John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. **28** You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.' **29** The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. **30** He must increase, but I must decrease."

2 Corinthians 5:20

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Galatians 1:10

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.

1 Thessalonians 2:4

But just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.

It's very difficult to be focused on **God** and **others** when so many **others** are focused on **you**.

Who are you representing?

Being obsessed with what **people** think about you is the fastest way to forget about what **God** thinks about you.

You are not called to be **famous**. You are called to be **faithful**.

True **success** is being **blessed**.



Have you ever been star struck by someone famous?

What are some of the pros and cons that come with fame?

Have you ever pursued fame in the past, even in small ways?
How did you pursue it?

How does pursuing fame move us away from God and others?

Read Psalm 115:1. Are there any areas of your life where you're tempted to pursue fame instead of being faithful?

How can you resist cravings for fame?

What are some ways you can elevate God and others this week, rather than yourself?

Think of someone in need of encouragement. Commit to lifting them up in some small (or big!) ways this week.

Remember, as you encounter people this week, share the Gospel and invite them to Vision.