

“Approval”

Sermon Series: American Idols #3

John 12:42-43

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The idol of approval is not just a temptation for Presidents and Kings. It is true for all people and for all times.

John 12: 42-43 - They loved the praise (or literally translated) “glory” that comes from people more than the “glory” that comes from God. (v. 43)

There is a battle for allegiance in the human heart between the glory of self and the glory of God.

Seeking approval can influence our conduct and behavior.

- **Social Media Approval**
- **Workplace and Career Approval**
- **Emotional Approval**

The bottom line when it comes to the American Idol of Approval: Does our desire to impress people outweigh our desire to know and glorify God?

Approval is a deep idol. Do you have any symptoms?

We live in slavery when we live for the approval of people. It is far better to be a slave to Christ than be a slave to fickle people.

What would happen if we cared only about what people thought of Jesus because of our lives?