

# The Last Hour



Wide Awake and Ready!  
I Thessalonians

God Pleasers!



For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people.

He alone examines the motives of our hearts. Never once did we try to win you with flattery, as you well know. And God is our witness that we were not pretending to be your friends just to get your money! As for human praise, we have never sought it from you or anyone else.

... wherever we go we find people telling us about your faith in God. We don't need to tell them about it, for they keep talking about the

- (1) **wonderful welcome you gave us** and how you
- (2) **turned away from idols to serve the true and living God.** And they speak of how you are
- (3) **looking forward to the coming of God's Son from heaven** — Jesus, whom God raised from the dead. He is the one who has rescued us from the terrors of the coming judgment.



Am I saying that food offered to idols has some significance, or that idols are real gods? No, not at all. I am saying that these sacrifices are offered to demons, not to God. And I don't want you to participate with demons. You cannot drink from the cup of the Lord and from the cup of demons, too.

I Cor. 10:19-21; Duet.32:17,17

*aresko: To strive to please.  
To accommodate oneself to  
the opinions, desires and  
interests of others.*

*Our purpose? To please God.*



# *The Problem with people-pleasing*



*Compromises the gospel*



*No courage required*



*God examines our motives*

**“My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.” John 4:34-36**