

# WHO – Pastor Jason McCoy

***Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ*** ***Galatians 1:10***

Do you spend your life trying to please everybody? Paul had to speak candidly to the Christians in Galatia because they were in danger. He did not sugarcoat anything. He did not apologize for his blunt words, knowing that he could not serve Christ faithfully if he allowed the Galatian Christians to remain on the wrong track. Whose approval are you seeking--others' or God's? Pray for the courage to seek God's approval above anyone else's. Here's a cool story:

A young man once studied violin under a world-renowned violinist and master teacher. He worked hard for several years at perfecting his talent, and the day finally came when he was called upon to give his first major public recital in the large city where both he and his teacher lived. Following each selection, which he performed with great skill and passion, the performer seemed uneasy about the great applause he received. Even though he knew those in the audience were musically astute and not likely to give such applause to a less than superior performance, the young man acted almost as if he couldn't hear the appreciation that was being showered upon him. At the close of the last number, the applause was thunderous and numerous "Bravo's" were shouted. The talented young violinist, however, had his eyes glued on only one spot. Finally, when an elderly man in the first row of the balcony smiled and nodded to him in approval, the young man relaxed and beamed with both relief and joy. His teacher had praised his work! The applause of thousands meant nothing until he had first won the approval of the master.

Who are you most trying to please today?