

5. TAKE PEOPLE PLEASING TO THE MAT

THE DOWNSIDE

"Our purpose is to please God, not people. God is the one who examines the motives of our hearts." —1 Thessalonians 2:4 (NLT)

2.

"Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong!" —Exodus 23:2 (NIV)

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Jesus: "You make yourselves look good in other people's eyes but God knows your hearts." —Luke 16:15a (TEV) 4.

"No one had the courage to speak favorably about Jesus in public, for they were afraid of getting in trouble with the leaders." —John 7:12-13 (NLT)

THE REALITY

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"Jonah was not happy that God saved the city. Jonah became angry." -Jonah 4:1 (Easy to Read Version)

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Jesus: "I don't try to please myself, but I only please the One who sent me." —John 5:30 (NCV)

Paul: "I'm not trying to be a people pleaser! No, I am trying to please God. If I were still trying to please people, I would not be Christ's servant." —Galatians 1:10 (NLT)

3.

"Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all his demands and moves towards the goal of true maturity." —Romans 12:2 (Ph)

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