

Precept Study: Seek to Please God, Not Man. Handling Offenses

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In Regards to the importance of doing that which is pleasing to God regardless of what other people say or do to us. **There is nothing we can do to force change in people.** If their hearts have turned against us, then we need to leave it in God's hands and pray for them – being mindful to keep the necessary distance needed for healing and reconciliation (in God's timing).

Seek to please the Most High God in Christ, not man, woman or child or even parent! You want to do that which is just and honest in respect of authority, but if the authority is not pleased with you doing all that you can to please God – then you should Not go outside of that attempting to gain their favor. It would be difficult to do so without compromising the faith *and/or* your fidelity to God and His Word.

If there is something we have done wrong that led others to have a change of heart towards us, all we can do first and foremost is repent of it. If we are not sure what we may have done, we can also ask the person if we offended them in anyway. If so, we should humbly apologize (to them) for any wrong doing, repent to God and bring forth fruit meet for repentance. If they say No there was no offence, then it's nothing outside of that we can do besides pray for them, *that the Lord's will be done in that situation.*

All in all, trust in the Most High God above and place your concerns in His hands. We ought not worry, nor be caught up and entangled in the affairs & cares of this life. If He's happy with us, then we should be happy with ourselves – and that's good enough!

As it is written;

* whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; ^(Col 3:23 KJV)

* For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. ^(Gal 1:10 KJV)

* No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. ^(Mat 6:24 KJV)

* No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. ^(2Ti 2:4 KJV)

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* Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. (Luk 17:3 KJV)

* And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him. (Luk 17:4 KJV)

* Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. (Rom 13:8 KJV)

* And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. (Mar 11:25 KJV)

* But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. (Mar 11:26 KJV)

* Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. (Luk 6:36 KJV)

* Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: (Luk 6:37 KJV)

God bless! Amen.

*All praises, glory, and honor be to the Most High God אלהים
the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—in the precious Name of His Son
ישע the Messiah Christ—Our Lord, Savior, King and Redeemer!*

Eternal Blessings upon the Elect of God, now and forever!

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