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Victory - Galatians
Becoming Influential
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Galatians 1

Seek God's Approval above all else.
Acts 5:29 Acts 4:19

Find God's Mission for your life.

How to gain revelation from God
Pray the Holy Spirit will lead you.
John 16:12-15 2 Peter 1:21.

Stay in God's Word
Psalm 119:105

Submit to other godly people
Pr 15:22

**Invest the time it takes to establish
credibility.**
1 Peter 2:12

Who Are You Trying to Impress?

Have you ever had someone in your life that you really wanted to impress? Who was it and how did you go about trying to impress that person?

What are the problems with trying to impress people?

How does the desire to impress others sometimes make it's way into causing us to try to impress God? What are the dangers of that?

Read Galatians 1:10 Take a few moments and unpack this passage and talk about how it applies to our every day lives.

In today's society, many times we listen to what man has to say in order to impress others...what does Acts 5:29 have to say about this?

In what areas do you desire to impress others? Is it a struggle? Why do think most people have a desire to impress others?

If you have one, please tell a story of a time you tried to impress someone and it backfired and you were embarrassed.

Do you believe that God has a mission for our lives? Talk about what mission means.

The cult movie The Blues Brothers came out in 1980. In that movie, Jake and Elwood, recently released from prison set out to raise \$5000 for a Catholic School. They declare - We are on a mission from God.

Do you believe that God could have a mission for each of us? Do you think there can be personal mandates, such as Paul received, or

do you think it's mostly a corporate mandate, such as to the Church?

Think about your own life. Do you think you are to be influential in some way for God? What would His mission be for you at this time?

Pastor Rick talked about receiving revelation from the Lord.

Read Ephesians 2:10 ; Philippians 2:13; Hebrews 13:21

In your estimation, how important might it be to discover God's desire for mission in our lives?

How do you think one goes about discerning God's direction and guidance in order to be influential?

Our church mission statement is: Meeting People Where They Are...Loving Them to Where Christ Wants Them to Be. How could the desire to impress others, or concern of what they may think, interfere with your efforts to live this mission out in your personal life?

God gave us the desire to be loved and accepted by others, and this is a good thing. There are healthy ways of gaining this acceptance and unhealthy ways. How do we gain the acceptance of others in ways that are pleasing to Christ.

Instead of being concerned about others and being impressive, focus on the following scriptures:

Romans 12:2

Colossians 3:23

Matthew 27:37

Mark 16:15

Matthew 6:33

Philippians 4:13

1John 1:9

Proverbs 3:5&6