

Don't Seek Glory And Honor Amongst Men

I. Introduction:

- A. Christians have to embrace not "fitting in" (**Romans 12:1-3**).
 - 1. We have to live like we are strangers to the world (**I Peter 2:11**).
 - 2. Are you willing to be perceived as "strange" (**I Peter 4:1-5**)?
- B. Our outlook on success, glory, honor, wisdom, etc. should be very different from the world's outlook on those things (**I Corinthians 1:18-31**).
 - 1. We should live as though our accomplishments are not in this world (**Hebrews 11:8-16; 24-26**).
 - 2. Think about how God exalts the poor over the carnally successful as food for thought on these things (**James 1:9-11; 2:1-9**).

II. Body: It's Not Good To Want To Be Exalted (**Luke 14:7-14**).

- A. Don't put yourself in that place (**Proverbs 15:33; 25:6-7** and **Matthew 23:1-12**).
 - 1. Be humble (**Proverbs 15:33; 16:19; 18:12; 22:4**, and **Matthew 18:1-4**).
 - 2. Don't have to be humbled (**Proverbs 29:23, Isaiah 2:11, Luke 18:9-14**, and **James 4:6-10**).
- B. Don't do things to receive repayment here and now (**Luke 6:27-36**).
 - 1. This includes doing "good" to get some kind of recognition or glory (**Matthew 6:1-4**).
 - 2. When you do that which is good and right here on earth, look for the reward in the life to come (**Matthew 25:31-46** and **John 5:28-29**).
- C. Glory and honor is ahead of the faithful (**Romans 2:7-11**).
 - 1. Glory is to be had for us, but not here and now (**I Peter 1:1-9; 5:4-6**).
 - 2. God will give us honor if we serve Christ (**John 12:25-26**).
 - 3. Therefore, embrace a place of humility now (**Luke 9:46-48**).

III. Conclusion: Learn From Christ In Regard To Not Needing Honor Or Approval Of Men (**John 5:30-47**).