

## Galatians 1:10

**For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.**

What is often very astonishing to new ministers is how easy it is to speak the truth of God's Word, and to see so many believers become offended. What one believer loves, another hates. Many leaders fall into the trap of trying to make everyone happy. As hard as you may try, you will never find success there. I have often found Christians supporting me on speaking against sin, until it's the one that they have never dealt with, or are still practicing. I believe that it is impossible to please man and God. Each of us must choose which one we will ultimately serve. Far too often Christian leaders have watered down the truth of God's Word in order to not offend anyone; yet at the same time they have offended the King of King's. The truth is the Word of God offends our flesh. What is amazing to discover, is the number of people who claim to be believers, who are offended as well. The message of Jesus Christ is one that was never designed to draw our fleshly desires. Instead it is one which demands that we die to the very things which we our humanity craves. So how does one reconcile the Living God and his sin? Can it even happen? The answer is, No! Unfortunately the church is full of Christians who are intent on making it happen, but they will never find what they are looking for. Many ministers have worked themselves to near death to discover a way to present the truth of God to a body that is unwilling to let go of the things of this world. Because, if you present the truth as it is, then the people either stop giving, or they leave all together. So, the message of Christ has been diluted to the point where it no longer offends; but that message also doesn't save or deliver. If you truly desire salvation, protection, provision, healing, deliverance and intimacy with God; then you must embrace the complete truth of His Word. You will never have it any other way!

The question that should be on the fore front of every minister of Jesus Christ, is "what would the Lord have me to say", and not, "what do the people want to hear." Anything else is simply compromise, and compromise is sin! Nothing should grip the leaders of the church more, than the solemn reminder that we will give an account before the Lord for everything that we either did, or didn't do for His church. I believe it is true, that somewhere within every pastor and leader is a desire to be loved, respected and wanted; but each of us must settle within ourselves as well, whose love and respect means more, man or God's. Friends I exhort you to pray for your pastor, because hell is warring against him daily to give in to compromise. I believe that behind every great man of God, is a group of prayer warriors interceding on his behalf. If you want to see your pastor succeed, then become an intercessor that daily lifts him up. For my fellow co-laborers who are worn out, discouraged and exhausted, I want to exhort you to not give in to the temptations of sin and compromise which are camping outside your very doors. Consider what Everett Hale said, "*I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I should do and, with the help of God, I will do!*" Pastors- each and every one of us will never fulfill our God given destinies, if we place the desires of the people over the known will of God. Your families and churches are looking at you for leadership; as hard as it may be, please don't look back at them for approval. I exhort you instead, to look to God, for His