

SUNDAY—MAY 24

1 Chronicles 22-24; John 8:28-59

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In our society, there is a tremendous pressure on all of us to conform to the standards of the group. This is not just a problem among youth. You must learn to realize that the only opinion that really matters is the will and desire of your Maker. The Lord Jesus Christ alone is the one that we should make an effort to please. When you look in the mirror, you should be sure that the Lord thinks your "pretty" or "handsome." And that has a lot to do with your spirit or attitude. All your effort should be given to pleasing him, not some human being. Seeking to please man is an endless pursuit that only leaves you empty and unfulfilled. Jesus Christ alone is worthy of such and effort!

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1 Chronicles 4-6; John 6:1-21

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Proverbs 18:24 A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

4. Have Genuine Friends. Surrounding yourself with true friends who love you just the way you are can be a real asset to building personal confidence. You don't have to be especially gifted to have friends. The best way to have friends is to be a friend. Be a good friend to others. Be the kind of friend to others that you wish they would be to you. Realize that the people you deal with every day have the same problems as you (whether they show it or not). Understanding that will help you get along with others well and earn their respect. Never make fun of or ridicule people. Make a conscious effort to show unconditional love and acceptance. You have no idea what this will mean to someone.

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Lu 16:15 And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

Did you know that the Bible tells us that God actually hates the three things that the world values the most highly? According to the Luke 16:15, God despises the things that are highly esteemed among men. These phony values will keep us from being the right kind of person (friend, parent, employee, etc.). These vain values that we place on things pervert in our minds what is truly valuable in the view of eternity. God's method gives eternal worth to everyone of us, and that includes you and me! Don't listen to that voice in your head that says your not valuable because you don't look a certain way or because you lack some talent or strength. Your value is in that you belong to the Lord!

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One thing you can't do is be a phony. Don't "act" like you respect or care for someone. Be real. Learn to protect the reputation of other people, and they will do the same for you. Be sensitive to the feelings of others. They have the same feelings you have. Be kind. Be careful that your sarcasm doesn't go overboard. Sometimes those cuts go deeper than you intended. Eventually people take things personally if they hear them long enough. If you are constantly badgering people, that is what you are going to get. Don't you want to have a genuine friendship? Then be a genuine friend.

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