



SOLID ROCK
Christian Fellowship
A MINISTRY ON THE PRESCOTT TOWN SQUARE

Image We Were Made for More

Imaging People

1 Thessalonians 1:6-7; 2:1-6

Pastor Matt Kottman

June 10, 2018

1. When you image God rather than people, you become God's instrument for people's joy (1 Th 1:6).

2. When you image God rather than people, you care about relieving people's eternal suffering more than your own temporal suffering (1 Th 2:2).

3. When you image God rather than people, you care more for the dignity that comes from God more than avoiding the shame that comes from people (1 Th 2:2).

4. When you image God rather than people, you can authentically serve people without using people to serve yourself (1 Th 2:3, 5).

5. When you image God rather than people, you rest in God's steadfast approval rather than people's shifty approval (1 Th 2:4).

6. When you image God rather than people, you live for God's unfading glory and not the fleeting glory of people (1 Th 2:6).

Questions for reflection and application

Take some time to go through these questions with your life group, close friend, around the dinner table, or in your morning devotions.

1. When we speak of the fear of man, we speak of a problem that every human on earth faces. Where do you struggle with fearing man? These questions might help you hone in on an answer. Whose performance matters to you? Who can make things in your life better, safer, successful? Whose opinion of you counts? Whose value system do you measure yourself against? Whose words/actions cause you to respond in anger or depression?

2. Do not think you are alone in this struggle. Read John 18:25-27 and Galatians 2:11-14. Do these passages comfort or concern you?

3. Remember the word glory (kabod) in Hebrew means weight. The scales of our heart always tip toward that which is more glorious (weightier). Thus, our problem is a worship problem. What is our heart saying when it bends toward pleasing people rather than God?

4. What are some God-given means for beholding God's glory? These verses will help you find good answers (Psalm 26:8; 63:2-3; John 1:14-16; 11:40; 17:22; Eph 1:3-14).