

Galatians: Walking In Freedom (Courage To Stand)

Galatians 1:10 (NLT)

"Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant."

Pleasing people will paralyze your passion and prohibit you from fulfilling your purpose.

I. Doing the Wrong things for the Wrong reasons

Galatians 1:13-14 (NLT)

"You know what I was like when I followed the Jewish religion—how I violently persecuted God's church. I did my best to destroy it. I was far ahead of my fellow Jews in my zeal for the Jewish religion, and I zealously defended the traditions of my ancestors."

II. Doing the Wrong things for the Right reasons

Galatians 2:11-13 (NLT)

"But when Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, for what he did was very wrong. When he first arrived, he ate with the Gentile Christians, who were not circumcised. But afterward, when some friends of James came, Peter wouldn't eat with the Gentiles anymore. He was afraid of criticism from these people who insisted on the necessity of circumcision. As a result, other Jewish Christians followed Peter's hypocrisy, and even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy."

III. Doing the Right things for the Right reasons

Galatians 2:2-3 (NLT)

"I went there because God revealed to me that I should go. I met privately with those considered to be the leaders of the church and shared the message that I preach among the Gentiles. I wanted to make sure that I was not running a race in vain. And they supported me and did not even demand that my companion Titus be circumcised, though he was a Gentile."

W- Willfully listen to God

A- Accept you can't please everyone

L- Listen to wise counsel

K- Keep the main thing the main thing