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People Pleasing

The problems with being a “pleaser.”

- We’re not really doing that; we are just trying to avoid disapproval; it’s self-centered!
 - A passive form of TAG (“I don’t know; I don’t care; anything is fine with me.”)
 - Nobody is ever actually pleased with us (since what we are doing is nothing!)
- It means that we are being “nice” instead of being “good,” in the way that Jesus models for us
 - Trying to keep ourselves out of trouble (don’t do anything wrong)
 - Trying to make a positive difference in the world
- When we seek after approval, we can never be loved (“so, nobody knows him?”)
 - Wear a mask that everyone will “like” (a childish attempt to fit in)
 - Be our honest selves, which some will love

The Christian Alternative

- We need to understand who God is:
 - God’s steadfast love
 - Prodigal son and brother
 - The Pharisee’s mistake (their goal is our starting place)
- We need to accept that gift (accept self = whole picture) and see others thru the same eyes
- We need to be good.
- We use our unique gifts on behalf of others, which will make us different! (I Cor 12: 12-20)
- We need to see the power of our differences (Gwen helps me see the gifts of being autistic).