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## DOES GOD APPROVE...?

*"Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a rev  
were able to reveal this mystery. Then the king placed I  
position and lavished many gifts on him. He made him ruler over  
Babylon and placed him in charge of all its wise men." (Dan 2:47-48)*



## QUOTE

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Daniel was not lifted up by the King's praise nor by the promotion given to him above everyone else in his batch. Daniel persistently and continually kept his eyes upon the living God. He was not carried away by the appreciation of the king or by the way he behaved himself, for he realized that he was just a slave boy brought up. In a sense, Daniel was trained in the 'Babylonian Administration'. He had purposed in his heart not to defile himself with the meat and drink offered to live a righteous life in right relationship with God. **Many think that it is difficult to live today as Daniel lived because things have changed. It is true that things have changed, but the God of Daniel has not changed.** The necessities of life were the God of Daniel. The opinions of others did not matter to Daniel.

of his God. Many good things were said about Daniel by the King upon Heavenly opinion.

A time came when the King proclaimed a new ordinance in his kingdom that all men must worship His image of gold. The same King Nebuchadnezzar said that the God of Daniel was the only true God (i.e. worthy of worship). He threw Daniel and his friends into a fiery furnace after they refused to worship the golden image. This is the quality of man's judgment, and of his assessment of people. It changes overnight! Beloved, we cannot trust the assessment of people. There are people who spoke so well of me and even did many good things for me at one time. However, it was only a matter of time when their opinion changed concerning my situations. When their wills were crossed and their ways were crossed, they arose concerning the love of the Lord, they turned hostile and started to say things opposite to what they had spoken earlier. If I had lived my life according to the world's will, I would have lost the approval of my Lord in many areas. I thank the Lord for helping me to fasten myself to the revealed will of the Lord. I thank the Lord for the challenges that have surfaced in all these years.

Men will appreciate you one day and throw you out the next day. **opinions will change, and their evaluations will change, but the love of God will never change.** So it is very important, wherever you may be your responsibility, to remain true to the One who has created you for His kingdom.

As spiritual people we ought to be concerned with only one thing, that is, our relationship with God. That is the most important thing about our life. Today many believers are living their spiritual lives according to the world's will. That sort of life will never reach beyond the temporal. It will never reach the spiritual realm. It is futile to live before men. **The most important challenge today is to remain true to the One who has created us for His kingdom.** The church in Sardis had a name. It was alive but the people were dead. The reason for this was that the spirit of the majority of them was just opposite to that of the saints in the church at Sardis. They evaluated a preacher according to the display of spiritual gifts and not according to the word of God. The opinion of the majority of believers could be

In the same way, **a church could be alive unto the Lord and to I**  
**opinion of the majority of Christendom that church could be co**  
**dead! It is so true that many people evaluate a church by its \**  
**its congregation, and its prowess at singing and playing musical**  
**the noise and display of emotions, the more the appeal of the**  
**the larger the collection of offerings to missions, the better is t**  
**of man.** But the Lord is not impressed by any of these things. I  
hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches!

Saints, God's judgments are made on a totally different scale. C  
matter of impressing others so that they have a high opinion of  
related to the opinion of others, especially the influentially plac  
open to the evaluations of God. The question is, "Am I willing to  
here and now?" **Is it His approval I seek? Are we honest enou**  
**He has to say about ourselves?** Are we honest enough to acce  
shows us?

**If we are open and desirous of knowing what the Holy Spirit w**  
**would be saved from a lot of sorrow and unhappiness.** I would  
to be open to the ministrations of the Holy Spirit. Many a time  
opinion others have about us. True disciples are not to be trou  
they are to be troubled about the Lord's opinion of their ways a  
ask themselves, "What are my Lord's evaluations about me, my  
my plans?"

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