Acts 24

-Those seeking to please themselves

-John 11:47-48 (ESV) 47 So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. 48 If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."

-Those who seek to please men

-John 12:43 (ESV) for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

-Those who seek to please their Lord

-Mark 8:34-38 (ESV) 34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. 36 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? 37 For what can a man give in return for his soul? 38 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

-Matthew 25:21 (ESV) His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

-Whom Do We Seek to Please?

-Ourselves?

-Other people?

-Our Lord?

Tacitus on Felix: "a master of cruelty and lust who exercised the powers of a king with the spirit of a slave."

-A life lived according to the truth

-The truth spoken

-The truth not compromised

-A life lived according to the truth

-Truth spoken

-Righteousness

-Self control

-Judgment

-Hebrews 10:26-27 (ESV) 26 For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.

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