

Finding Freedom from Disapproval

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2 Corinthians 10:1-18

¹⁸*For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends.*

1. Allow God to get in your face with his approval of you.

⁵*We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

2. Give other people's assessment of you its proper weightiness.

⁷*You are judging by appearances. If anyone is confident that they belong to Christ, they should consider again that we belong to Christ just as much as they do.*

3. Anchor your identity to the fact that you belong to Jesus.

⁹*I do not want to seem to be trying to frighten you with my letters. ¹⁰For some say, "His letters are weighty and forceful, but in person he is unimpressive and his speaking amounts to nothing."*

4. Reject our culture's obsession with the externals.

¹⁷*But, "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."*

5. Revel in the acceptance and approval you have in Christ.