

## Growth Killers: People-Pleasing

Acts 6:1-7

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Needs naturally \_\_\_\_\_. -Acts 4:34,35

Needs naturally \_\_\_\_\_. -Matt. 6:24

Self-pleasers are driven by the \_\_\_\_\_.

People-pleasers are driven by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

God-pleasers are driven by principles and priorities.

-They say things like "It would not be \_\_\_\_\_," and "This is more \_\_\_\_\_."

God-pleasers are driven by the \_\_\_\_\_.

God-pleasers are driven by the \_\_\_\_\_.

It's dangerous to be a God-pleaser because people won't always \_\_\_\_\_.

It's more dangerous to be a people-pleaser because of what can be \_\_\_\_\_.

-Eph. 2:19,20

-Acts 2:42

-Prayer and the Word are often shoved aside in the life of a people-pleaser.

God-pleasers \_\_\_\_\_ the load.

-They know that God has other gifted servants at His disposal.

-They don't have a need to \_\_\_\_\_ everything.

God-pleasers \_\_\_\_\_ themselves to their God-given tasks.

-People-pleasers find themselves being \_\_\_\_\_ advantage of.

When we say no, people are usually just fine.

-In fact it is often an opportunity for others to \_\_\_\_\_.

When we seek to please God, \_\_\_\_\_ wins.

-Making God's Word a priority spreads His glory.

-Making God's Word a priority gives people what they truly \_\_\_\_\_ most.

-Making God's Word a priority strengthens the church.

### Life Application Questions:

1. Would those who know you best say that you are more of a self-pleaser, a people-pleaser, or a God-pleaser? What does your weekly calendar reveal about you?
2. What needs and requests threaten to overwhelm you? How many of them is God calling you to meet?
3. Are there any things you know God has called you to focus on that you're currently not doing? What stands in the way?
4. If you became a wholehearted God-pleaser, who in your life might have their feelings hurt? Are you prepared to live with their disappointment?
5. What place do the Word and prayer have in your life?