

John 10:27-30 (NIV)

[27] My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. [28] I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. [29] My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. [30] I and the Father are one."

John 12:42-43 (NIV)

**[42] Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue;
[43] for they loved praise from men more than praise from God.**

Secret Disciples?

John 12:37-50



MAN'S APPROVAL

GOD'S APPROVAL

1- How we Handle Waiting to Receive Praise Shows Whose Approval we Seek

Man's Praise is Immediate

God's Praise may be Delayed

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2- How we VIEW Right and Wrong Shows Whose Approval we Seek

No Absolutes Right or Wrong

There is Right and Wrong

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3- What we DO About Right and Wrong Shows whose Approval we Seek

Going with the Flow

Standing Against the Current

MAN'S APPROVAL

GOD'S APPROVAL

4- How we LIVE Out our Faith Shows Whose Approval we Seek

Cautiously Religious

Radically CHANGED

John 1:1 (NIV)

**In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.**

Hebrews 1:1-2 (NIV)

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, [2] but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

John 19:38-39 (NIV)

...Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, **but secretly because he feared** the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. [39] He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night...



Ship



Ship

**A Ship in a Harbor is Safe
...but that is **NOT**
what Ships are made for**

**A Secret Christian may
feel Secure
...but that is **NOT** a
Christian's Purpose!**

We were Created and Designed with a Purpose to..

- **have a RELATIONSHIP with God**
- **HONOR God in our lives by Learning to Love and Serve Him**
- **help others find TRUTH about God**
- **help others GROW in their walk with God**