

## Living for God

When I think of the apostle Paul, I think of someone who wanted to please God in any way he could. But that was his down fall as a Pharisee, Paul thought he knew what God was thinking. Many years after the road of Damascus, Paul realized that he actually didn't know as much about God as he thought he did. Remember what Paul wrote in:

### **1 Corinthians 15:8-9 (NKJV)**

Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

Paul thought he was doing the will of God, but he found out that in trying to think for God, he ended up doing more harm to the church.

Peter also had the same problem when he thought that God somehow needed to be protected from the harms of the world. When Christ announced that He was going to be crucified, Peter basically said that it would done over his dead body. Remember what Matthew said in:

### **Matthew 16:22-23 (NKJV)**

Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

The reason for this article is to encourage those who have inadvertently offended other's by thinking we were doing God a favor. God does not expect us to think for Him, nor does He expect us to guess what He wants from us. We are to study His word and apply His teachings to a lost world exactly the way He expects it to be done.

### **2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV)**

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

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*Sunday Bible Study: 9:45 a.m.*

*Sunday Worship Service: 10:45 a.m.*

*Evening Service: 5:00 p.m.*

*Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.*

*"Come now, and let us reason together" Isa. 1:18*