

- 13. Reflection Questions:** In what ways am I serving others rather than pleasing myself? What would it look like for me to restrict my freedom to support a weaker believer, rather than use it for my own pleasure or comfort? Where would I be today if Jesus had put His own interests first? Do I regularly pray for the unity of ABC? Do I regularly pray for those I don't get along with? If not, why not?
14. How can we *be devoted to prayer* on one another's behalf this week?



Message #115: *Pleasing Others*

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Sermon Notes

1. Put Up (1)

Quotes to Ponder

Freedom is not the liberty to do what you want, but the liberty to do what you ought. And it is true freedom when what you want to do is what you ought to do.

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If we can please people for their upbuilding, we do it, but if what pleases destroys, we don't.

John Piper

He had power not to have been reproached, power not to have suffered what He did suffer, had He been to look to His own things.

Chrysostom

Apart from outright sin, nothing shatters the fellowship, the spiritual growth, and the witness of a congregation so much as disharmony among its members.

John MacArthur

*Love seeketh not itself to please,
Nor for itself have any care,
But for another gives its ease,
And builds a Heaven in Hell's despair.*

William Blake

Jesus Christ is both our example and our motivation.

Timothy Keller

2. Build Up (2)

3. Look Up (3)

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1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you?

2. How does *Romans 15:1* sum up what a strong Christian's priority should be?

3. What does it mean that we *ought to bear the weaknesses* of those who are weaker (*Romans 15:1*)?

4. What principle is given in *Romans 15:1-2*?

5. How can I seek to *please* others rather than myself?

6. In what way is Jesus the great example of how we should live (*Romans 15:3*)?

7. Whom did Jesus live to please according to the following verses?

Mark 10:45 —

John 6:38 —

John 4:34 —

John 8:25-29 —

John 5:30 —

2 Corinthians 8:9 —

8. What would happen to us if Jesus had pleased Himself instead of coming to earth as a man and dying for our sins?

9. How does Jesus' example motivate me to please God and my fellow believers?

10. Read *Philippians 2:1-8*. According to verses 1-4, what should our priority be?

What can you practically apply from Christ's example in verses 5-8?

How might you treat a weaker believer by following Jesus' example?

11. What do the following verses teach about when to please others or not to please others?

Roman 15:1-2 —

Colossians 3:22 —

Galatians 1:10 —

1 Thessalonians 2:4 —

Ephesians 6:6 —

12. What do the following verses teach our responsibility is to help maintain unity in the church?

1 Corinthians 1:10 —

Colossians 3:14-15 —

Philippians 1:27 —

1 Peter 3:8-9 —

Philippians 2:2 —