Who you trying to please?

The classic story is the old man and the boy in Germany going to town on a mule. They go into town, and both of them are walking into town beside the mule. Somebody goes by and says, *“Isn’t that a couple of fools? They’ve got a mule to ride and they’re walking.”* **So both of them got on the mule.**

They rode about five miles, and a bunch of folks saw them going down the street and said, *“Isn’t that something? A man and a boy on that donkey, about to break that donkey’s back. Poor little donkey! You’d think a big strong man like that could walk. Both those fellows riding that donkey are about to kill it.”* **So the man got off, and the boy rode the donkey.**

They went about a mile, and somebody went by and said, *“Isn’t that something? This younger generation! Look at that lazy, good-for-nothing boy riding that donkey and letting his poor old father walk.”* **So they changed places again, and the old man got on the donkey and the boy walked.**

They went about a mile down the road, and somebody went by and said, *“Isn’t that something? There’s a full grown man riding that donkey, and a little old boy there that can hardly stand up having to walk along by himself.”*

So they finally arrived in town, and when they arrived in town ***both of them were carrying the donkey.***

 “And that ye study to be quiet, ***and to do your own business***, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;” ***1 Thessalonians 4:11***

“And whatsoever ye do, ***do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;***” ***Colossians 3:23***

“And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, ***and do those*** ***things that are pleasing in his sight.” 1 John 3:22***

“For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile: But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; ***not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.” 1 Thessalonians 2:3-4***

“For do I now persuade men, or God? ***or do I seek to please men?*** for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.” ***Galatians 1:10***

You know what friend, when you start really finding out who the Lord is and how He is, you’ll see that He is not like man. The Lord does not put His thumb on a man’s head and keep it there all the time saying “please me, please me!” Man does! The Lord wants us to love Him because we choose to love Him, not because we have to. Man does! Another thing! The Lord does not have us continually getting on and off a jackass along the way to please Him, with a thousand different opinions of how we ought to take our trip to town. Man does!

“Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” ***Matthew 11:28-30***

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