

## Who Are We Trying to Please?

### **Ready:**

"Therefore, whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to be pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may be repaid for what he has done in the body, whether good or bad." 2 Corinthians 5:9-10

**Set** As student-athletes we are pressed from all sides; to be a better at our sport, to get better grades, to get the best paying job after graduation, and even to look a certain way in order to be attractive to this world. We challenge ourselves physically, academically, and socially, but how often do we challenge ourselves spiritually? How often do we step out of our comfort zone to please God and not men? In the moment it seems as if playing time, grades, and our social life means everything. But the short-term happiness that comes from our worldly accomplishments is fleeting and of no comparison with the everlasting joy we will receive when we please our Father in heaven. I am sure that don't think about it enough, but when I do think about that day when I will stand in front of my glorious Father I have mixed emotions. The first is amazement and joy; getting to be face to face with my maker. But the second is fear; I will be judged for all I have done on earth-a scary thought. Would our approach to life change if at the forefront of our minds was the fear and joy of coming face to face with Christ? Today, be challenged to live a life focused on pleasing your Heavenly Father and not this world.

### **Go**

- How can you start your day with Christ at the forefront of your mind?
- In what areas of your life do you find yourself trying to please men instead of God?

**Workout** Psalm 19:14 Colossians 3:23-24 Galatians 1:10



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