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Living For An Audience Of One

It is better not to eat meat or drink wine, or do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to fall.

Romans 14:21

…for they loved human praise more than praise from God.

John 12:43

"You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not a failure. We had previously suffered and been insulted in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in spite of strong opposition. For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts. You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed; God is our witness. We were not looking for praise from men, not from you or anyone else."

1 Thessalonians 2:1-6

How to be a Game-Changer:
Live for an Audience of One

*You know brothers and sisters that our visit to you was not a failure. We had previously suffered and been **insulted** in Philippi, as you know.*

1 Thessalonians 2:1-2

***"insulted"** = Greek "hubrizo"- public abuse* and *humiliation*

"…but with the help of our God, we dared to tell you His gospel in spite of strong opposition."

1 Thessalonians 2:2

Tips on how to live for an audience of One…

Paul's manner was courageous.
*"We dared to tell you the gospel in spite of strong **opposition**."*

1 Thessalonians 2:2

***"opposition"** = Greek "agoni" – agony*

Paul's message was true.
"For the appeal we make does not spring from error."

1 Thessalonians 2:3

Paul's <u>motive</u> was <u>pure</u>.

"For the appeal we make does not spring from… impure motives."

1 Thessalonians 2:3

"Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you."

1 Thessalonians 2:9

"…nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed."

1 Thessalonians 2:5

Paul's <u>methods</u> were <u>honest</u>.

"…we never used flattery."

1 Thessalonians 2:5

*"… nor are we trying to **<u>trick</u>** you."*

1 Thessalonians 2:3

***"trick"** = Greek "dolo" – fisherman's bait*

Paul's <u>mindset</u> was <u>unwavering</u>.

"We speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We're not trying to please people, but God, who tests our hearts."

1 Thessalonians 2:4

"We're not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else."

1 Thessalonians 2:6

"A double minded man [is] unstable in all he does."

James 1:8

This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.

1 Corinthians 4:1-4

"We speak as those approved by God."

1 Thessalonians 2:4