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Approval

What does your soul look like? Your eyes are the windows of your soul. You can see your soul by how you react to one another. Love is emotions, affection. Your mind is either carnal or spiritual, on Messiah or not. Your will is seen. What is a person's will for? What is the purpose for your will? To do our Master's will.

How do you see a person's soul in his eyes? If he has life, light. That's how we train our children - by our eye. That is how our Father trains us - with His eye upon us.

Our children need to see us looking at them with approval. That's how we need to look at each other. How do we see our Father looking at us? What do we need to do to have our Father's approval? James 1:12 approval.

Rom. 5:4

How do we gain one another's approval? Do we have to gain one another's approval?

Fortitude develops maturity and character, a tried integrity - character of this sort produces hope.

If God approves of us - we have His approval by whether we are pleasing to Him or not - if God is before us who can be against us. Zeph. 3 If He is before us it doesn't matter who is against us.

If we have His approval we have liberty - we can praise Him.

Is it necessary to please Him? After all, He loves us anyway! If we are not pleasing to Him we are short, irritable, don't have grace, answer in a way our Master would not answer, we obviously do not have peace with ourselves, are easily provoked, cannot look our brother in the eye.

1 John 3:22,21 We are not beasts - we have very sensitive consciences. We have more sensitive consciences than the people in the world. We made an appeal for a good conscience (1 Pet. 3:21). It is being renewed to be very sensitive.

1 John 3:22 We watchfully obey His orders, observe His suggestion and follow His plan for us - we practice what is pleasing in His sight. We are never out of His or our angel's sight. If we can do something out of sight of our brothers and sisters that is not pleasing to Him - things that we wouldn't do here - then we really don't believe that He can see us. If someone can do that, he is not a person who respects God - like Saphira and Hananiah - they had a little pact going on between them. Before that there was no need going on in the community in Jerusalem. Acts 2:40 When they kept some of the money of the piece of property that they sold for themselves, immediately there was a need in the Body. Somebody's need could not be met because they kept some of the money, lied to the Holy Spirit for their own security. Probably after them, nobody physically died in the edah - what happened to them was proverbial so that all would fear. If somebody did something similar afterwards they might not have died but they did go down to silence. They could not praise anymore unless they became the greatest performers.

1 John 5:14 We have to have a good relationship going in order to know how to ask according to His will. James 1:5 When we were Christians we asked for selfish things. When we ask for something that we don't have confidence about - whether it is His will or not, we say, "Father, not my will but your will be done."

1 John 5:15 Fellowship, communion, coming to know Him intimately, we have nothing in our conscience holding us back from knowing His will. In that state, we are workers with God Himself - our Father, His Son YAHSHUA, Ruach ha Kodesh in us - co-workers with Him.

Matt. 12:30 We need to be with Him. At any time in the Body we are either with Him or against Him, either gathering or scattering. Have you ever scattered while your brothers are gathering. Half of the people on the roof are building, half are scattering. That is what actually can happen in the Body, the spiritual building.

We approve others by the way we look at them, pat them on the back, the way we talk to them. The same goes with our children. If you don't have your mother's approval [*speaking to one of the children*] - you know by her voice - you are disobedient to her. It is wonderful to have

your mother's approval, isn't it? A child would think, "Wow, I am working along with my mother."

Col. 1:10 The race has begun - this is how we have to walk. If we are not walking like this, we are not walking like Messiah. Verse 9 - A deep understanding and comprehension of His will so that we can ask according to His will. A deep and clear knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and insight. We have spiritual discernment. We are spiritual men and woman and children - knowing when we are pleasing to Him or not.

Walk in a manner worthy of the Sovereign. If you go back to the Greek, in the bible to walk in this connotation means to live a life, the way you live and conduct your life, what you do, what you speak, how you react, your soul, will - how quick you get up in the morning, your emotions which betray your soul. How quick do you get up in the morning, knowing the sacrifice is waiting for you, knowing your days activities? Even though your body wants to sleep your will overrides it.

Worthy - suitable. Each of us has received a Spirit that makes us desire to please Him. Like our children, they have their abba's spirit. We've received our Abba's Spirit. His Spirit and our spirit are one.

Col. 1:10 Steadily growing and increasing, coming to know Him, increasing in knowing Him, having a fuller deeper insight. We grow all the way up until the end, so we will have confidence when He comes back. 1 John 2:28 We make a companion for Him. We can both walk the same way. We are not only trained but actually conformed to His image. The way I am when He comes back is the way I am going to be. He won't be able to trust you to rule over five or ten cities if He will have to always call you in the morning to get you up. He will be over in Jerusalem. He is a human being also. Our soul has to be made like His. If our soul goes to death how can it get any better except through discipline and correction in death. But then you have to be beaten. He doesn't want to do that. He doesn't want to beat us until He returns. He wants us to desire His will. He wants us to come to the place where we can reason properly.

Like our children - we shouldn't need to discipline them beyond 12 years. They should be trained then. Their conscience should reprove them. This is a discipline to them and then they can reason, talk with their parents.

Only because you love your abba and emah do you want to please them. I love my Abba, that's why I want to please Him, not just to have a good reputation. If we have a good character, our reputation will stand on its own.

If we have our Father's approval, then we have the approval of man - even your enemies are at peace with you. If you have your Father's approval and not man's approval, that means that man is wrong, something is haywire with him. We can worship if we have our Father's approval, we have a good conscience. It is going to be wonderful when we, one day, really can worship. It is going to ascend and our good conscience before our Father is going to startle the world.