

# Sermon Notes

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## Who Do You Want To Please?

Matthew 14:1-12

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

Herod has a guilty conscience

**A guilty conscience is one result of doing wrong**

The back-story of Herod and John the Baptist

**We have a responsibility to do what is right in God's sight**

Herod wanted what seemed pleasing to him

He wasn't concerned with right and wrong

**We are supposed to live pleasing to the Lord (2 Cor. 5:9)**

A pattern of pleasing ourselves, or pleasing God

Whichever we do perpetuates itself (Romans 6)

Herodias involved her daughter in something disgusting

**What do you expose your children to, in seeking your own pleasure?**

How do we know what to choose, what is pleasing to the Lord?

The Bible

Pray and listen

Seek counsel from godly people

Ending references: 1 Corinthians 10:31, Ephesians 5:10, 4:1

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**What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.**

## **Application questions for 2-16 sermon Matthew 14:1-12**

Do think what is right and what is wrong are subjective? Why or why not?

Do you know that inner peace, clean conscience, of knowing you sought to please God in and action or behavior, even if it was hard to do? Share your story of that.

Have you seen the course of your life go bad in some way, because of seeking to please yourself?

**(Make sure to get to the following questions. They are most important.)**

In all honesty, who do you think you are typically trying to please with your actions and decisions - yourself, God, people, some combination of those? Explain your answer.

Do you want to live pleasing to God in everything?

How can we know what is pleasing to God?

How do you think you get to where you are wanting to please God in everything, and doing what it takes to find out what is pleasing to Him?

Is there anything you are exposing your kids to in seeking to please yourself that may be doing harm to them?

Bonus:

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?