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Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard. (Acts 4:18-19 NIV)

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them. Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. (Act 5:27-29 KJV)

Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved praise from men more than praise from God. (John 12:42-43 NIV)

"I do not accept praise from men, but I know you. I know you do not have the love of God in your hearts...How can you believe if you accept praise from one another, yet make no effort to obtain the praise that comes from the only God...If you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about me." (John 5:41-42, 44, 46 NIV)

Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. (Romans 8:8 NIV)

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (Hebrews 11:6 NIV)



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ACCEPT	IMPOSSIBLE	PRAISE
APOSTLES	INTEND	RATHER
BLOOD	JOHN	REWARDS
COUNCIL	JUDGE	SINFUL
DOCTRINE	LEADERS	SPEAKING
EARNESTLY	MOSES	STRAITLY
EXISTS	OBEY	SYNAGOGUE
FEAR	PETER	WHETHER
HEARD	PLEASE	WROTE