

Living To Please

The Text: John 7:1-9 (Page #1659 in the sanctuary Bible)

The Context: Jesus' public ministry is gathering popularity. He has performed numerous miracles and has been teaching the people of God's kingdom. The disciples are enthused, but are having their own faith struggles.

● **7:2** But when the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near, [3] Jesus' brothers said to him, "You ought to leave here and go]to Judea, so that your disciples may see the miracles you do. [4] No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world." [5] For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

● **7:6** Therefore Jesus told them, "The right time for me has not yet come; for you any time is right. [7] The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that what it does is evil. [8] You go to the Feast. I am not yet going up to this Feast, because for me the right time has not yet come." [9] Having said this, he stayed in Galilee.

The three great "Feasts" in the Jewish calendar

1. Passover
2. Pentecost
(also called Feast of Weeks)
3. Tabernacles (also called the Feast of Booths)

At these feasts the Jews within 20 miles of Jerusalem "appeared before the Lord", giving thanks and celebrating together.

● **Deuteronomy 27:7** Sacrifice fellowship offerings there, eating them and rejoicing in the presence of the Lord your God.

Jesus is our model of being a _____ - _____,

NOT a _____ - _____ or a _____ - _____.

★ The Critical Question:

Our options: ①

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The summary sentence:

Related Scriptures:

- **John 5:30** ...For I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.
- **Romans 12:2** Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world.
- **1 Thessalonians 2:4** ...We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts.
- **2 Corinthians 5:21** God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

A Sinner's Prayer

Lord, I am a sinner who has offended you. Please forgive me. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for my sins and I place my trust in Christ's sacrifice as the only way to be right with you. Thank you for loving me and coming into my heart. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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TAP

T - key Truths = Summary thoughts, principles to live by, observations to remember.

A - practical Application = How should I respond? What action can I take?

P - my Prayer response = My expression to God from what I am reading/thinking.

Date: Mon. Aug. 16	John 7:1-9 (Review message notes from the other side.)
T ^{KEY} TRUTHS	
A ^{PRACTICAL} APPLICATION	
P ^{MY} PRAYER <small>RESPONSE</small>	

Date: Tue. Aug. 17	John 7:10-24
T ^{KEY} TRUTHS	
A ^{PRACTICAL} APPLICATION	
P ^{MY} PRAYER <small>RESPONSE</small>	

Date: Wed. Aug. 18	John 7:25-44
T ^{KEY} TRUTHS	
A ^{PRACTICAL} APPLICATION	
P ^{MY} PRAYER <small>RESPONSE</small>	

Date: Thur. Aug. 19	John 7:45-52
T ^{KEY} TRUTHS	
A ^{PRACTICAL} APPLICATION	
P ^{MY} PRAYER <small>RESPONSE</small>	

Date: Fri. Aug. 20	John 5:24-30 (Note Jesus' promises and his model for us to follow in John 5:30.)
T ^{KEY} TRUTHS	
A ^{PRACTICAL} APPLICATION	
P ^{MY} PRAYER <small>RESPONSE</small>	