

When away from (Public Opinion) home  
Do things more do at home.

Temperate at home - stop up to bar without  
shame somewhere else -

#### 4. They Dread being Considered Fanatical:

strutted in making friends on both sides -

Take Middle of the Road course -

Not over-righteous -

don't offend enemies of God.

Just ignorant - Whole world is wrong of any  
body who intends to serve God must set  
himself against public opinion.

~~was the approval of man not God.~~

## Public Opinion & Religion John 12:43

scripture : 1. Public Opinion = pertaining to people, open  
to knowledge or view of all,  
Belief, or judgment, formal expression  
of a person - a Court gives an opinion by  
a formal expression of the reasons for a  
decision.

2. Public opinion may be good or Bad.  
Not always best.

3. Public opinion controls some people in  
the ~~the~~ Politics.  
My wife became of P. O.

4. Public opinion controls some people  
in their Religion.

Scripture says: Public opinion has  
power to smother convictions.

Because of the Pharisees -

Fear of being put out of Synagogue -  
wanted to be good sons of the Jewish Ch-

But - This fear - Love -

Men - Rom 1:25 have preference  
to praise of men - Bunch of Hypocrites.

Wanted Public Opinion to give them a  
good reputation.

1. Paul says "They measure themselves by themselves, &  
compare themselves among themselves":

instead of knowing what Bible says - They  
ask is it reputable -

do not use Jesus as standard.

only enforce standard held up by Public Op.

2. Desire to leave the Church & Community alone:

1. Church

Standards of churches are too low } our Business Meeting } standard for  
Church Affairs }  
Large Part of Church today has this } set up }  
worldly spirit - } } }  
not every one } } }  
N.T. } } }  
not every one } } }  
high office } } }

3. They indulge in Secret Sins:

When human eyes are upon them they do honor  
& praise

if you doe censor - They say you are  
unkind

Even the lowest standard in a church  
is too high for multitudes of Christians.

Some churches work on the basis of what  
neighbor churches will think - no matter how  
much good or how many souls will be  
saved.

We do not want a church that will move with the  
world - we want a church that will move the world.

Every Christian ought to be a pleasure & not a problem  
to his church.

2. Community

Very sensitive & scrupulous not to  
have anything done that is unpopular.

Only conscience in those things that  
are popular - no conscience in things "thus  
saith the Lord" - love praise of men -

So. May - Jan 12, 1952 Am.

To. May. July 25, 1954

5. Want Applause of Men not God.

Preachers want this - preach a sermon  
anxious that people received it - He does  
not want to hurt anybody's feeling or  
seem to be too rough on their sins. If  
all the opinions & opinions are unheeded  
He is happy.  
Best criticism I ever had was "He preaches the Bible"

People want applause of men - outer  
clothes, more concerned about how looks  
in eyes of men than how our heart  
shall appear before God. (Wonder how some have  
money to go out  
doors - no clothes -  
in air of suit case.)

Carried this so far - some will not  
confess their sins for should lose  
their reputation among men.

Yield to custom that we know to  
be against our X.

They say don't carry things so far  
Don't be too strict on social evils

Many Things you suppose are  
good are abominable in the sight of  
God.

How many will determine to do your  
duty? — let Public Opinion be as it may.

Who will agree to take the Bible as  
this Rule?

Who will take Christ as your Pattern?