

“Christians Under Pressure”

Lesson Text: **Romans 12:1-2.**

I. Pressure To Conform To The World.

- **Romans 12:2**, Conformity Is What The World Wants! **John 15:19.**
- **Conform:** “to form or mold one’s behavior in accordance with a particular pattern or set of standards—‘to shape one’s behavior, to conform one’s life.’” (Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. 1996).
- The Conform In All Areas Of Life:
 - In The Way We Talk, Dress, Behave, & Think....
 - To Involve Ourselves In The Same Sins!
 - There Is Great Pressure To Line Up With The World!
- But When We Don’t Give In To The World, It Notices We’re Different- **1 Peter 4:3-4.**
 - This Often Brings The Hatred Of The World Against Us- **John 17:14; 1 John 3:13.**
- We Must Always Remember: **1 John 2:17.**

II. Pressure To Be Dishonest.

- Dishonesty Is A Major Problem In The World! **Revelation 21:8.**
- **1 Samuel 8:3; Proverbs 11:1; Proverbs 20:23; Ezekiel 22:27; Titus 1:10-12.**
- There Is Pressure For Us To Be Dishonest For What It Can Gain Us!
 - To Cheat Others, The Government, Friends, & Family Alike By Dishonesty.
- But God Demands Honesty- **Leviticus 19:35-37; 2 Corinthians 8:21; 1 Peter 2:1.**

III. Pressure To Be Pleasers Of Men.

- King Saul- **1 Samuel 15:24.**
- Absalom- **2 Samuel 15:2-6.**
- Jews- **John 12:42-43.**
- Pilate- **John 19:12.**
- But Not Paul- **Galatians 1:10.**

IV. Pressure To Give Up The Faith.

- Have You Ever Felt This Pressure?
- No Christian Is Immune From This Pressure!
- We Are To Endure To The End- **Mark 13:13; Revelation 2:10.**
- Some Christians Will Not Endure:
 - **Luke 8:13; 2 Timothy 4:10.**
- There Is Pressure To Give Up The Fight! **Galatians 6:9; Hebrews 12:3.**
 - **Galatians 6:9; 2 Corinthians 4:8-10**
- Heaven Is Surely Worth It All!