

Sometimes, even after you have tried your very best to do the right thing, you end up realizing that you can't please everyone. No one can consistently please (satisfy) the masses. With this fact established, it seems logical to me to decide whom we are going to try to satisfy. May I suggest the following list:

1. **Satisfy God.** Live to please Him first and foremost (Mt. 22:37-40). If you can't please anyone else on your list, you can be pleasing to God by being obedient to His word.
2. **Satisfy your spouse.** To those of you who are married, you have a responsibility to your spouse. Being the very best husband or wife you can be is fulfilling to you as well as your mate (1Cor 7:1-5; Eph. 5:21-25).
3. **Satisfy your children.** Your children are looking to you for an example of godly living (Eph 6:4). While on the surface it may seem that they reject your counsel and advice, they are still watching and learning from your example. Satisfy their needs by serving them so that they grow up spiritually and emotionally in the Lord.
4. **Satisfy those who have something against you.** Clear up any misunderstandings and/or sin that may exist between you and another brother or sister in Christ. Jesus has thus instructed us if our worship is to be acceptable (Mt. 5:23-24; 18:15).
5. **Satisfy your enemies.** The beatitudes speak to our conduct, even toward those who persecute us. Just because they do the wrong thing, doesn't mean we have the right to do the wrong thing in return (Mt. 5:9-12).

See you Sunday!

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