



Series on the Acts of the Apostles #25  
“People Pleasers”

Acts 12:1-4, 19-23  
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**Introduction:** *Being a people pleaser can be very detrimental to spiritual growth. It affects our choices in every area of life. King Herod is a real study in people pleasing.*

I. Herod's family

A. Everyone is born with a sin nature. (Rom 5:12)

B. Sin patterns progress through families.

II. Herod's flaw (12:3, 22-23)

A. You cannot be popular with men and popular with God.

B. Being a people pleaser may put you into direct opposition to God.

C. Be prepared to stand alone.

III. Herod's fate (12:23)

A. God does not intend to share His glory.

B. God always has the last word.

**Conclusion:**

1. *Faced with a crisis choice, is your life characterized by pleasing men or pleasing God?*
2. *In order to change and be a “God-pleaser” you must walk in daily fellowship with God.*