

*“When ministry becomes performance, then the sanctuary becomes a theater, the congregation becomes an audience, worship becomes entertainment, and man’s applause and approval become the measure of success. But when ministry is for the glory of God, His presence moves into the sanctuary. Even the unsaved visitor will fall down on his face, worship God, and confess that God is among us.”*¹

“In the heart of Christ, where reigned perfect harmony with God, there was perfect peace. *He was never elated by applause, nor dejected by censure or disappointment. Amid the greatest opposition and the most cruel treatment, He was still of good courage.*” Ellen G. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p 330 (emphasis added).

So Jesus never coveted human applause.

When God is present in the worship service, all honest souls will confess that we have been with Jesus. But if you applaud “my” work, (because you cannot applaud *God’s* work, because He doesn’t want your applause) I become confused and disoriented. I forget the purpose of my ministry.

Just say, “Amen”.

1 Unknown