

Healthy Fear

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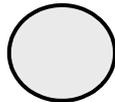
Part 3 - Overcoming the "Disease to Please"

Proverbs 29:25 - Fear of man will prove to be a _____

What Is the Fear of Man?

_____ about what others think about us which leads to a preoccupation for acceptance, approval, popularity, etc.

Desire for



Fear of

We fear people because:

- they can _____ and humiliate us
- they can _____, ridicule and despise us
- they can _____ us

When People are Big and God is Small Ed Welch

Instead of doing what we do out of _____ (+)

we do what we do out of _____ (-)

Fear is _____.

How is it a Snare?

Fear is connected to our _____. The Bible says when sin entered the world, shame entered right along with it. And people, who were once authentic, began to hide out of fear of being vulnerable. (Genesis 3)

We replace _____ with _____.

- We desire the approval of _____ above _____
John 12:42,43 - Many even among the Jewish leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved _____ from men more than _____ from God.

We spend much of our lives wavering between _____ and _____.

- We fear the rejection of _____ above _____
Jeremiah 1:17- "Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be terrified by them, or I will _____ you before them.

Isaiah 51:12 - " I, even I, am He who comforts you. Who are you that you should be afraid of a man who will die...

"Responsible, Respectable and _____".

Overcoming the Fear of Man

God has to _____ while people _____

Galatians 6:9,10 - ...10 Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-6 - ...4 On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but _____, who tests our hearts. 5 You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. 6 We were not looking for praise from men, not from you or anyone else.

People Pleaser vs. God Pleaser

How can I make him _____ me?

How can I show the love of _____ to him?

What will _____ think if I do this?

What does _____ think if I do this?

How can I be _____?

How can _____ me?

Proverbs 29:25 - Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept _____.

What we fear _____ us. (2 Peter 2:19)

Grow in a _____ of God!