

# Healthy Fear

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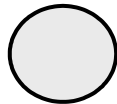
## Part 3 - Overcoming the "Disease to Please"

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### 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!