

Approval

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*Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the LORD
the LORD means safety.* Proverbs 29:25 NLT

1. Three problems that people pleasers battle

- Obsessing about what others think
- Being overly sensitive to criticism
- Have a hard time saying “no”

2. Important facts about people pleasers

- It's a form of idolatry / idol worship
- The approval of God sets us free from the disease to please

⁴² Many people did believe in him, however, including some of the Jewish leaders. But they wouldn't admit it for fear that the Pharisees would expel them from the synagogue. ⁴³ For they loved human praise more than the praise of God.

John 12:42-43 NLT

Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant.

Galatians 1:10 NLT

3. How God sees you

- New creation in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17)
- Forgiven / sins washed away (Eph. 1:7)
- More than a conqueror through Christ (Romans 8:37)
- God's masterpiece (Eph. 2:10)
- Christ's ambassador (2 Cor. 5:20)
- Greatly loved by God (Romans 1:7)

Next Steps:

- ☐ Re-read today's Bible verses this week
- ☐ Confess that I put people above God at times in my life: _____
- ☐ Put the 6 truths about how God sees me in a place where I will see / say them everyday
- ☐ Say **No** to _____, so I can say **Yes** to God
- ☐ _____