

THE FEAR OF MAN

The Solution to the Problem We All Have

THE FEAR OF MAN: WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

FEAR: being afraid of...being in awe of...being controlled by...
finding security in...

➤ peer pressure; people-pleasing; co-dependency

➤ over concern with self-esteem

➤ focus on reputation

➤ fear of exposure

➤ “lies” to cover shame

➤ “empty” for or “above” relationships

➤ easily embarrassed

➤ jealousy of or comparison with others

➤ “made” angry, crazy, etc.

➤ avoiding people

➤ focus on “health”

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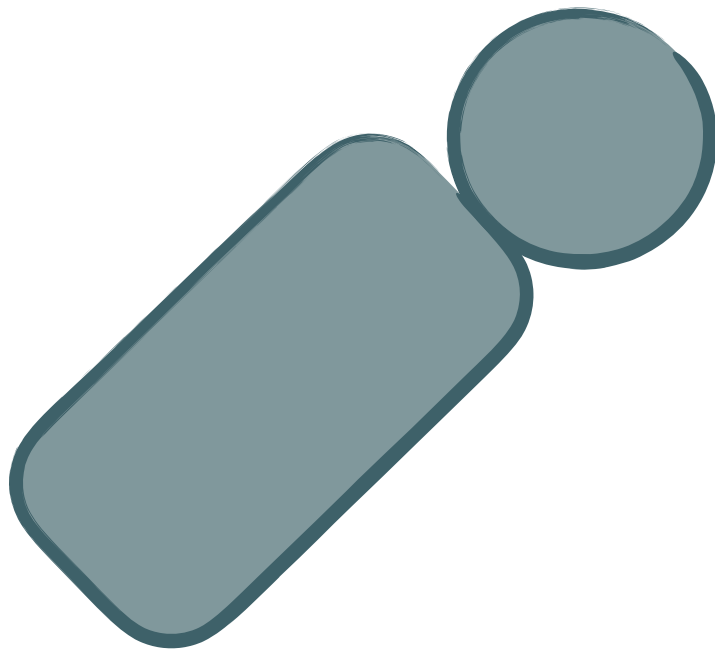
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Ja 4:1-5; Mt 6:24; 15:18-19

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Not: “How can I get what I want?” **Rather:** “What does God want?”

THE FEAR OF MAN: HOW TO OVERCOME IT

Lk 12:4-7

- DON'T FEAR MAN! FEAR GOD!
 - He has the authority.
 - He knows us. He loves us!

Jer 17:5-10

- DON'T TRUST MAN! TRUST GOD!
 - He refreshes and nourishes. He removes fear and anxiety.
 - DON'T TRUST YOUR HEART. TRUST GOD.

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Isa 6

- vv. 1-4: None is like God.
- v. 5: We are unclean before Him.
- vv. 6-7: God is merciful unto us.
- v. 8: The redeemed is useful to God.
- vv. 9-13: God's servant is steady against rejection.

THE FEAR OF GOD: WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

Lev 19:13-14, 32; 25:17, 43

- respect, kindness, justice, fairness

De 10:12-22

- humility, blessing, value, security, love, commitment

Acts 9:31

- peace, growth, comfort

Col 3:22-25

- service, sincerity, hope

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The fear of man lays a snare,
but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe.

-Proverbs 29:25