

ESCAPING THE PEOPLE PLEASER TRAP

#crazymakers: Part 5

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

There's a difference between being PLEASANT and people-pleasing.

WHY WE BECOME A PEOPLE PLEASER

1. UNDEVELOPED self-worth.
2. UNCLEAR priorities.
3. UNHEALED wounds.

WHY PEOPLE-PLEASING IS A TRAP

1. It causes me to COMPROMISE my convictions.

"Saul gave in and confessed, "I've sinned. I've trampled roughshod over GOD's Word and your instructions. I cared more about pleasing the people. I let them tell me what to do." (1 Samuel 15:24, The Message)

2. It makes me FAKE.

"You make yourselves look good in front of people, but God knows what is really in your hearts. What is important to people is hateful in God's sight." (Luke 16:15, NCV)

3. It turns me into a COWARD.

"Many people did believe in him...But they wouldn't admit it for fear that the Pharisees would expel them from the synagogue. For they loved human praise more than the praise of God." (John 12:42-43, NLT)

4. It can cause me to miss God's PURPOSE for my life.

"You try to get praise from each other, but you do not try to get the praise that comes from the only God. So how can you believe?" (John 5:44, NCV)

5 TRUTHS THAT CAN SET YOU FREE FROM THE PEOPLE-PLEASER PRISON

1. God **SHAPED** me to be ME!

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” (Ephesians 2:10, NLT)

“Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all his demands and moves towards the goal of true maturity.” (Romans 12:2, Phillips NT)

2. What seems important now, **WON’T SEEM IMPORTANT THEN.**

“Each of us will give a personal account to God.” (Romans 14:12, NLT)

“But all these things that I once thought very worthwhile—now I’ve thrown them all away so that I can put my trust and hope in Christ alone. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.” (Philippians 3:7–8, The Living Bible)

3. I don’t need anyone’s approval to **BE HAPPY.**

“Your approval means nothing to me...” (John 5:41, NLT)

JESUS: *“Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you...” (Luke 6:26, NIV)*

“...Sir, we know you are very honest and teach the truth regardless of the consequences, without fear or favor.” (Matthew 22:16, The Living Bible)

4. I really only need to please **ONE PERSON.**

“...Our purpose is to please God, not people...” (1 Thessalonians 2:4, NLT)

“And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”” (Matthew 3:17, NIV)

RESOURCE RECOMMENDATION

