



**LONGING FOR APPROVAL**

True Identity – Pt 4  
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**LAY DOWN**

- Our feelings of INADEQUACY.
- Our need for CONTROL.
- Our right to be OFFENDED.
- Our longing for APPROVAL.
- Our hold on the PAST.

**\*\*\*WHAT YOU KNOW TRUMPS HOW YOU FEEL\*\*\***

**SIGNS YOU ARE LONGING FOR APPROVAL**

\_\_\_ You obsess about what others THINK.

\_\_\_ You are often overly SENSITIVE.

\_\_\_ You compromise your VALUES.

\_\_\_ You hesitate in sharing your FAITH.

\_\_\_ You have a hard time SAYING NO.

**BECOMING OBSESSED WITH WHAT PEOPLE THINK ABOUT YOU,  
IS THE QUICKEST WAY TO FORGET WHAT GOD THINKS ABOUT YOU.**

*The fear of mankind is a snare, but the one who trusts in the Lord is protected.*  
(Proverbs 29:25)

- Pleasing people is a form of IDOLATRY ... It's putting the opinion of people ahead of the opinion of God.

## 2 SIMPLE STEPS TO GET OVER THE DISEASE TO PLEASE

### 1. FOCUS ON PLEASING GOD INSTEAD OF PLEASING PEOPLE.

*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)*

### 2. LIVE FROM THE APPROVAL OF GOD INSTEAD OF FOR THE APPROVAL OF PEOPLE.

*For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts. (1 Thessalonians 2:4)*

## 10 TRUTHS ABOUT HOW GOD SEES YOU

- You are forgiven of sins because of Christ Ephesians 1:7
- You are a new creation in Christ 2 Corinthians 5:17
- You are the righteousness of God in Christ 2 Corinthians 5:21
- You are a joint heir with Christ Romans 8:17
- You are more than a conqueror through Christ Romans 8:37
- You are filled with the power of the Spirit Romans 8:11
- You are the light of the world Matthew 5:14
- You are God's masterpiece Ephesians 2:10
- You are Christ's ambassador 2 Corinthians 5:20
- You are greatly loved by God John 3:16-17

*Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. (Romans 12:1)*

*Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. (Romans 12:2)*