



REAL MOMENTUM

*a movement of men
transforming families &
churches to the ends of the earth*

A Man & The Fear of Man, Keith Boggs

Proverbs 29:25, "The fear of man brings a snare but whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe."

1. Are You Seeking M_____ Approval?

The fear of man brings a snare...

What is the fear of man?

The fear of man takes God's people **c**_____ and has made many preachers, politicians, and parents in this country prisoner.

Del Fehsenfeld, Jr., "I believe the day has come that we need to ask God for Godly contempt for the approval of men and an insatiable appetite for the approval of God. And, until we get to that point in our lives—we will not know the power of God in our lives. We will be kept prisoner of what everybody else thinks and we will not know the joy that God intended for us as a Christian."

Spurgeon said, "If we fear God we have nothing else to fear."

Psalms 145:19, He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;

What are the snares that I can expect if I live my life in the fear of man?

Snare – imprison, hold captive, trap

1. The Snare of I_____ .

- Insecurity is the result of **p**_____ my confidence or trust in people or things that can be taken away from me. For example, _____
- If you're motivated by the praise of men, you will be defeated by their **c**_____ .
- Security is placing my confidence or trust in that which **c**_____ be taken away from me.
- **Johnny Hunt**, Insecurity can be quite natural in a leader. That doesn't make it something you can afford to put up with.

2. The Snare of I_____ .

- If doubt replaces **a**_____, you will soon give up on all the Gospel disciplines of the Christian life.

Listen to this message and more by downloading the **REAL MOMENTUM App** at realmomentum.org/app

- Ignorance causes “lawlessness” which refers to the state of living **a**_____ from the law or will of God.

It is as though God had no law or had never given His law to men. It is one of the most grievous consequences of an ignorance to God.

- **The more we reject the knowledge of God, the more unrestrained and immoral we become!**

Those who have no knowledge of God or His will run unrestrained in sin and act as self-appointed leaders apart from God. Judges 17:6; 21:25

3. The Snare of I_____.

- Idolatry is putting what others think of me ahead of what **G**_____ thinks of me.
- Idolatry occurs whenever we worship anything or anyone other than the living God.
- If you stop depending on God, you won't know when He's **g**_____.
- We are our own **b**_____ to experiencing fullness and freedom in Christ.

2. Or, Are You Seeking **G**_____ Approval?

But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.

Galatians 1:10, do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

Psalms 9:10, Those who know Your name will put their trust in You, for You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

1. Live As A Man **U**_____.

2. Live As A Man **U**_____.

3. Live As A Man **U**_____.

- When we live our lives as “yes men” we find ourselves in no man's land with God and those we are called to lead.

1. Are You Seeking Man's Approval?

2. Or, Are You Seeking God's Approval?

Sometimes we have to look at our fears and say, “Shut up!”

*Listen to this message and more by downloading the **REAL MOMENTUM App** at realmomentum.org/app*



a movement of men
transforming families &
churches to the ends of the earth

The **HEART** of REAL MOMENTUM

As a man, what did God say to your **HEART** in this lesson?

H – God's Word is alive so **HIGHLIGHT** any verse (or verses) that God used to get your attention, as a man. Try and commit to them memory and meditate on it for the next week.

E – After listening to the message, **EXPLAIN** what you believe God is saying to you as a man.

A – What is one “takeaway” you need to **APPLY** right now in your relationship...

with God:

with your Family:

with the Church:

to Ends of the Earth:

R – Reflecting on what you've discovered in this lesson, **RESPOND** to God by writing out a simple prayer, asking for His power to live it out as a man.

T – **TELL** another man what you've learned from this lesson and how you hope to live it out as a man. Get him to join with you in prayer!



REAL MOMENTUM

a movement of men
transforming families &
churches to the ends of the earth

"The fear of man brings a snare" Proverbs 29:25

Ask God to speak to you as you ponder these questions honestly to help you determine what the "fear of man" may look like in your life.

- Are you obsessed with the approval of others?
- Do you overstate your views in order to gain favor with men?
- Do you understate your positions in order to gain the approval of others?
- Are you afraid to confront sin because of possible negative outcomes?
- Are you silent in opportunities to speak up for a just cause?
- Does your audience dictate the slant that you take on an issue?
- Do you tolerate malicious slander by letting it slide because you are afraid of the consequences if you speak out?
- Do you say negative, or harmful, things about people because you know the people you are speaking to hold those negative opinions?
- Are you more concerned about what fallible men think of you than what Almighty God thinks about you?
- Do you feel a knot in your stomach every time someone disagrees with you?
- Is your appreciation of people based upon their approval of you?
- Are you in bondage to the expectations of your friends? Your "network"? Your alma mater?
- Does your dread of "being found out" keep you from confessing your sins to a trusted friend who could help you?
- Are you more fearful of what you stand to lose by telling the truth, or the loss of your self-respect that comes by telling a lie?
- Do you find it difficult to be corrected?
- Are you devastated by rejection?
- Are you afraid to discipline your children properly because you have an inordinate desire for their approval?
- Do you discipline your children severely because of the way that they make you look in the eyes of your peers?
- Do you overlook mis-statements of truth and exaggerations because you are afraid of conflict?
- Do you repeat unkind, unnecessary, and untrue things about others to curry favor with the people you are associating with?
- Does your insecurity lead you to criticize others?
- Do you have to have the "last word" even when your opinion is unrequested?
- Is it okay with you if your friends ostracize you because you choose to honor God?
- Do you find it acceptable if people don't like you, but God does?
- Have you ever felt a strong prompting to witness to someone, but found yourself bound by fear of potential denunciation?
- Are you obsessed with having the right clothes, the right hair, the right music, the right car, or the right house?
- Are you forever chasing fads because you want to be "with it"?
- What is more important to you, your "social image" or your identity in Christ?
- When you see a friend wandering off into moral chaos, are you reluctant to speak out for fear of being scorned?
- Do you lie to protect your image, position, or status?
- Are you easily embarrassed?
- Are you intimidated by people that have stronger convictions than you?
- Are you critical of people who have less stringent convictions than you?
- Whose reputation is more important: yours or God's?

Listen to this message and more by downloading the **REAL MOMENTUM App** at realmomentum.org/app