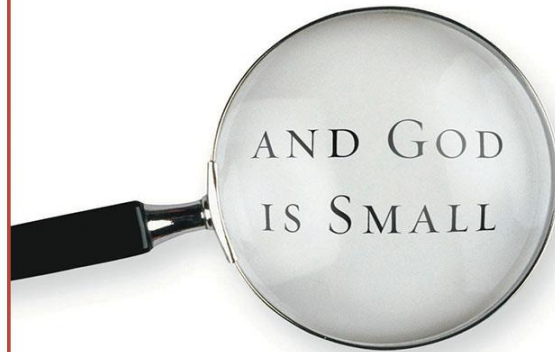


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The fear of man can be spotted everywhere in our lives

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Desiring to fit in and stand out

1. Do you buy something because everyone else has it?
2. Do you spend a lot of time in front of the mirror?
3. Do sometimes avoid people, either because you are angry with them or because you would be embarrassed if they saw you?
4. Do you ever get embarrassed by what your parents do?
5. Have you ever been embarrassed at the thought of other people knowing that you go to church?
6. Have you ever been embarrassed to say you believe in God?
7. Have you ever been embarrassed to say you believe in Jesus?
8. Do you ever exaggerate to make yourself look better?
9. Are you afraid to ask questions in class because you might look dumb?
10. Do you wish you were thinner, stronger, taller, shorter, smarter, faster, or better looking?
11. Have you ever been jealous of someone thinner, stronger, taller, shorter, smarter, faster, or better looking?
12. Have you ever wished you could shrivel up & disappear?

The fear of man brings a snare...

Proverbs 29:25

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STRONG'S EXHAUSTIVE CONCORDANCE:

שׁוֹקֵשׁ mōwqêsh, mo-kashe'; or שׁוֹקֵשׁ mōqêsh;

- a noose (for catching animals)
- a hook (for the nose)



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THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

"You shall not make for yourself an idol...

You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God..."

Exodus 20:4-5

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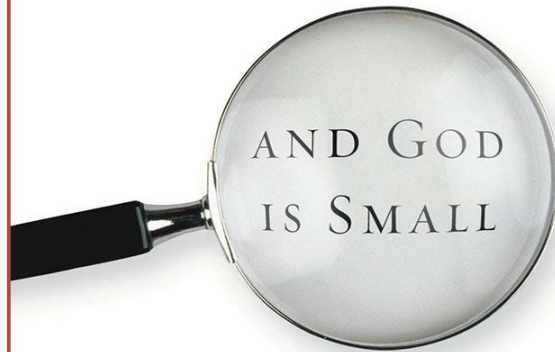
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According to Numbers 14:11, God diagnoses fear of man as...

- spurning Him (NASB)
- treating Him with contempt (NIV)
- despising Him (ESV)
- rejecting Him (NKJV)

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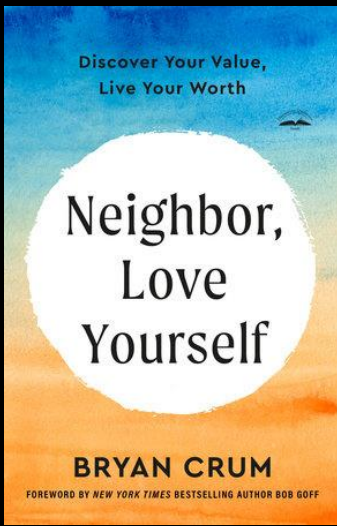
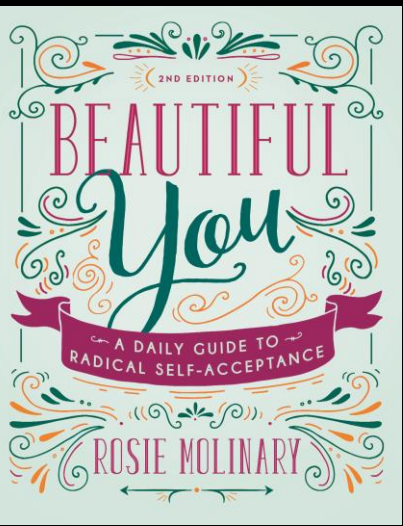
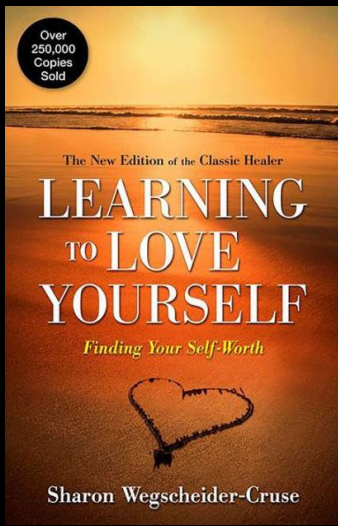
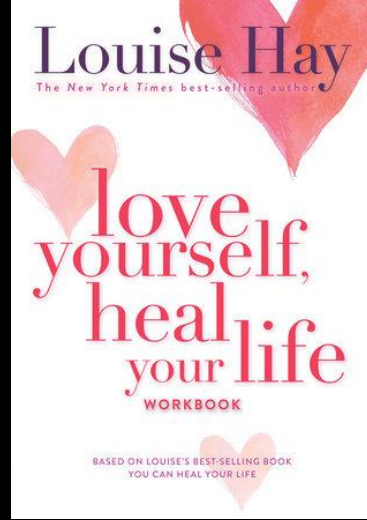
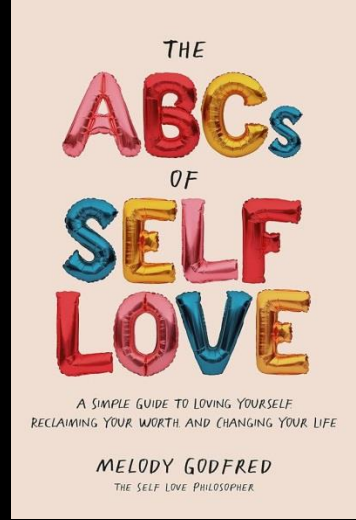
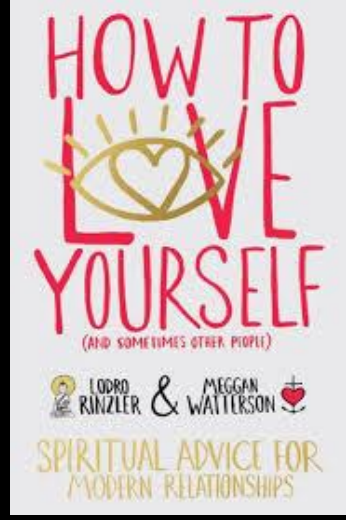
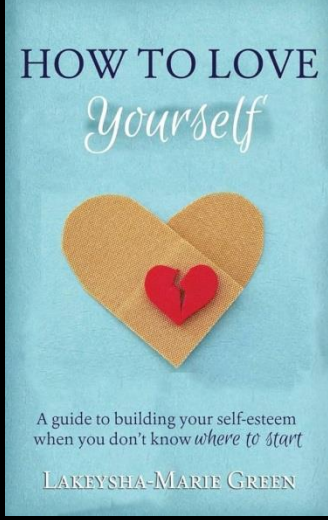
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“My drive in life comes from a fear of being mediocre. That is always pushing me. I push past one spell of it and discover myself as a special human being but then I feel I am still mediocre and uninteresting unless I do something else. Because even though I have become somebody, I still have to prove that I am somebody. My struggle has never ended and I guess it never will.”

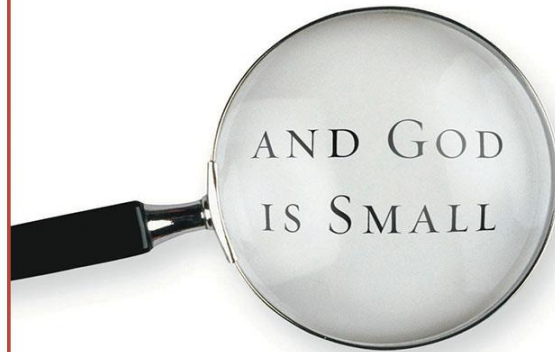
Madonna, quoted in *Vogue Magazine*

Every time [Madonna] accomplishes something, these are the kind of thoughts she has: 'Now I have got the [affirmation] that I am somebody. But the next day, I realize that unless I keep going, I am not. My ego cannot be satisfied. My sense of self, my desire for self-worth, my need to be sure I am somebody—it is not fulfilled, I keep thinking I have won it from what people have said about me and what the magazines and newspapers have written. But the next day, I have to go and look somewhere else. Why? Because my ego is insatiable. It's a black hole. It doesn't matter how much I throw into it, the cupboard is bare. I keep putting all sorts of things into it every morning, feeding it, and the next night it is bare. I have become somebody—but I still need to become somebody.'

Timothy Keller, The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness, 22-23



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