

"GOD, HELP! I'M A PEOPLE PLEASER!"

Part 4 of Series GOD, HELP! The Prayer That Brings Heaven To The Rescue

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"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 (NLT)

"Fear of man is a dangerous trap, but to trust in God means safety."

Proverbs 29:25 (TLB)

People Pleasing Traps:

1. Fear

"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love."

1 John 4:18 (NIV)

2. Conflict Avoidance

3. Approval Addiction

4. Guilt

5. Over Commitment

6. Idolatry

“You must not have any other god but Me.”

Exodus 20:3 (NLT)

How to Overcome People Pleasing:

“To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law ... so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law ... so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.”

1 Corinthians 9:20-23 (NIV)

1. Decrease My Focus On What the People Around Me Think About Me.

“But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself.”

1 Corinthians 4:3 (NKJV)

2. Increase My Focus on What God Thinks About Me

“As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.’”

Matthew 3:16-17 (NIV)