

# Real World Skit

*Two students discuss the fear of man.*

**Student 1:** Hey! I've been looking everywhere for you. What are you doing hiding out in this old back room of the church?

**Student 2:** I just wanted to be alone.

**Student 1:** What's the matter?

**Student 2:** Other than me being stupid?

**Student 1:** What?! You are NOT stupid. Why would you say that?

**Student 2:** It's true, that's why! I heard two kids from our class talking in the hall. They didn't know I was around the corner. They were making fun of the questions I asked in class, saying they were dumb.

**Student 1:** Well, I know your questions were NOT dumb. Actually, your questions showed just the opposite—you're wise!

**Student 2:** Huh? What do you mean?

**Student 1:** In the book of Proverbs, it says that we should all be seeking wisdom. Asking questions and wanting to learn shows wisdom.

**Student 2:** Even if my questions are dumb?

**Student 1:** Your questions aren't dumb. And if you don't know something, you should ask and find out! It would be silly to stay quiet and not learn something because you were afraid to ask. That shows pride, and the Bible warns a lot about pride.

**Student 2:** Like thinking you know everything?

**Student 1:** Yep! Pride always leads to trouble. You were humble enough to ask about things you didn't know. Plus, just knowing stuff doesn't make you wise. Wisdom is doing what we know pleases God. Do you think God likes it when we want to know more about him and his Word?

**Student 2:** He likes it?

**Student 1:** You bet! That's where we learn wisdom, from God and his Word, the Bible!

**Student 2:** What about those other kids?

**Student 1:** Don't worry about what they think or said. The Bible says we should fear the Lord, not man. Do you know what that means?

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**Student 2:** Um . . . I should be scared of God?

**Student 1:** Sort of. Fearing the Lord means that we respect and honor him more than anything else. It means we should care about what God thinks more than we care about what some kids say.

**Student 2:** That's hard to do!

**Student 1:** It sure is! We all want to be liked. But as long as we're pleasing God, we don't need to worry or feel bad when others make fun of us because they don't understand.

**Student 2:** But it still hurts when others are mean.

**Student 1:** Yeah, words can really hurt, which is why we should watch our words carefully. I know I need to work on that!

**Student 2:** Me too. But I'm glad you came to talk to me. Thanks.

**Student 1:** You're welcome! You ready to join the others?

**Student 2:** Right behind you!