

# VICTORY

## PART 8

### ***VICTORY FROM THE PEOPLE PLEASING TRAP***

Proverbs 29:25 Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the LORD means safety.

Proverbs 1:10–14, 17-18 My child, if sinners entice you, turn your back on them! They may say, “Come and join us. Let’s hide and kill someone! Just for fun, let’s ambush the innocent! Let’s swallow them alive, like the grave; let’s swallow them whole, like those who go down to the pit of death. Think of the great things we’ll get! We’ll fill our houses with all the stuff we take. Come, throw in your lot with us; we’ll all share the loot.” ...If a bird sees a trap being set, it knows to stay away. But these people set an ambush for themselves; they are trying to get themselves killed.

John 8:32 **And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”**

#### ***SIX TRUTHS TO REMEMBER***

##### **1. EVEN GOD CAN'T PLEASE EVERYONE!**

##### **2. I DON'T NEED ANYONE'S APPROVAL TO BE HAPPY!**

John 5:41 **“Your approval means nothing to me...”**

Psalms 27:10 Even if my father and mother abandon me, the LORD will hold me close.

##### **3. WHAT SEEMS SO IMPORTANT IS ONLY TEMPORARY.**

1 John 2:17 And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

Luke 16:15 So Jesus spoke to them: “You are masters at making yourselves look good in front of others, but God knows what’s behind the appearance. What society sees and calls monumental, God sees through and calls monstrous.

##### **4. I ONLY HAVE TO PLEASE ONE PERSON!**

John 5:30 **I don't try to please myself, but I only please the One who sent me.**

Galatians 1:10 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.

1 Thessalonians 2:4 Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts.

##### **5. ONE DAY I WILL GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF MY LIFE.**

Romans 14:12 Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God.

Luke 9:26 **If anyone is ashamed of me and my message, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in his glory and in the glory of the Father and the holy angels.**

##### **6. MY BEST IS WHO GOD MADE ME TO BE.**

Romans 12:2 Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you...