

How and Why We Fear Others

WHEN PEOPLE ARE BIG AND GOD IS SMALL

STEP 1: RECOGNIZE THAT THE FEAR OF PEOPLE IS A MAJOR THEME IN _____.

Proverbs 29:25 *The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe.*

Deuteronomy 1:29 *Then I said to you, 'Do not be in dread or afraid of them.'*

Psalms 118:6 *The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?*

The _____ of Fear

- _____ or fright
- _____ or mastery.
- _____
- _____

Our fear replaces _____ with _____.

Fear of People _____

- Peer pressure
- People _____
- Looking to your spouse for _____ you need them to _____
- Self-_____ issues
- Fear of being _____ as an imposter
- Second guessing _____ because of what others might think
- Love _____
- Easy _____
- _____
- _____
- Allowing others to make you _____ or _____
- Avoiding people

- Concern over your _____ appearance
- Avoiding _____

Why do we fear people?

1. People can _____ and humiliate us.

We fear _____

2. People can _____ or despise us.

We fear _____

3. People can _____ us.

We fear _____

STEP 2: IDENTIFY WHERE THE FEAR OF MAN HAS BEEN INTENSIFIED BY _____ IN MY LIFE.

Ephesians 6:11 *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.*

STEP 3: IDENTIFY WHERE THE FEAR OF MAN HAS BEEN INTENSIFIED BY MY _____.

God is what I _____ of him.

We are morally _____.

Matthew 19:19 *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

Jeremiah 17:9 *“The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?”*

We find truth through our _____.

Everyone is _____.

Jeremiah 17:5-8 *Thus says the Lord: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. 6 He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. 7 “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. 8 He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”*