

OVERCOMING THE FEAR OF REJECTION

Proverbs 29:25

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Prov. 29:25 “Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.”

1. WHAT THE FEAR OF REJECTION DOES TO US

- * Allows others to manipulate us
- * Causes us to conform to peer pressure
- * Keeps us from speaking the truth
- * Prevents us from giving and receiving love
- * Causes shyness and loneliness
- * Produces depression and unhappiness
- * Silences our sharing about Christ

(Saul) “I sinned . . . I was afraid of the people so I gave in to them.” 1 Sam. 13:23

“ . . . many believed in Jesus. But they would not admit it for fear of the Pharisees. . . . They were more concerned to have the approval of men than the approval of God.”

John 12:43-44 (Ph)

2. HOW TO OVERCOME THE FEAR OF REJECTION

- * **Put _____ in first place.**

“The Lord is my Light and my Salvation. I will fear no one.” Ps. 27:1 (GN)

“Save me from the insults I fear . . . I want to obey Your commands Show me how much You love me, Lord. Then I can answer those who insult me.” Ps. 119:39-42 (GN)

“For yourself, concentrate on winning God’s approval. . .” 2 Timothy 2:15 (Ph)

- * **Put _____ in their place.**

“The Lord says, ‘I am the one who strengthens you. Why should you fear mortal man who is no more enduring than grass?’” Isa. 51:12 (GN)

“Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.” Gal. 1:10

“If God is for us, who can be against us?” Rom. 8:31

The Truth: _____

* **Put** _____ **in the proper place.**

“You (God) made man inferior only to Yourself; You crowned him with glory and honor.” Ps. 8:5 (GN)

“. . . Through what Christ did not us, He decided to make us holy in His eyes, without a single fault — we stand before God covered with His love.” Eph. 1:4 (LB)

“It is not self-commendation that matters, it is winning the approval of God!” 2 Cor. 10:18 (Ph)

“Even if my mother and father forsake me, the Lord will receive me.” Ps. 27:10