

## 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*