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Three Problems People Pleasers Battle

1. You obsess about what others _____.
2. You are often overly _____ to criticism.
3. You have a hard time saying “_____.”

²⁵ Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe. Proverbs 29:25 (NIV11)

Becoming obsessed with what people think about you is the fastest way to forget about what God thinks about you.

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. Galatians 1:10 (NLT2)

Facts About the Disease to Please

- People pleasing is a form of _____.
- ⁴² Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved human praise more than praise from God. John 12:42-43 (NIV11)

- The approval of God sets us _____ from the disease to please!

⁴ On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts.... ⁶ We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority.

1 Thessalonians 2:4, 6 (NIV11)

Who Does God Say You Are?

- You are a new creation in Christ. - 2 Corinthians 5:17
- You are forgiven and your sins are washed away. - Ephesians 1:7
- You are more than a conqueror through Christ. - Romans 8:37
- You are God’s masterpiece. - Ephesians 2:10
- You are the light of the world. - Matthew 5:14
- You are filled with the same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead. - Romans 8:11
- You are a joint heir with Christ. - Romans 8:17
- You are Christ’s ambassador. - 2 Corinthians 5:20
- You are the righteousness of God in Christ. - 2 Corinthians 5:21
- You are greatly loved by God. - Romans 1:7

My Next Step Is To...

- Memorize and/or meditate on 1 Thessalonians 2:4
- Repent for the times that I’ve chosen to please others rather than God.
- Each day this week read over the truths in “Who Does God Say You Are?” section of the noteguide.
- Stop believing the deceiver and invite Jesus to have full control of my life.