

## ESCAPING THE PEOPLE PLEASER TRAP

You Make Me Crazy  
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*"It is dangerous trap to be concerned with what others think of you, but if you trust the Lord, you are safe."* Proverbs 29:25 (GNT)

### WHY TRYING TO PLEASE EVERYONE IS A TRAP

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts."* 1 Thessalonians 2:4 (NLT)
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"You try to get praise from each other, but you do not try to get the praise that comes from the only God. So how can you believe?"* John 5:44 (NCV)
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong."* Exodus 23:2 (NIV)  
*"Saul gave in and confessed, 'I've sinned. I've trampled roughshod over God's Word and your instructions. I cared more about pleasing the people. I let them tell me what to do.'"* 1 Samuel 15:24 (MSG)
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
*Jesus: "You are the ones who make yourselves look right in other people's sight, but God knows your hearts."* Luke 16:15 (GNT)  
*"You may brag about yourself, but the only approval that counts is the Lord's approval." 2 Corinthians 10:18 (CEV)*
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"No one had the courage to speak favorably about him in public, for they were afraid of getting in trouble with the Jewish leaders."* John 7:12-13 (NLT)  
*"Many believed in Jesus, even many of the leaders. But because of the Pharisees, they did not say they believed in him for fear they would be put out of the synagogue. They loved praise from people more than praise from God."*  
John 12:42-43 (NCV)

### SIX FACTS TO REMEMBER

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*Jesus: "Your approval or disapproval means nothing to me."* John 5:41 (NLT)  
*"I am the one who comforts you. So why are you afraid of mere humans, who wither like the grass and disappear?"* Isaiah 51:12 (NLT)  
*"Even if my father and mother abandon me, the Lord will hold me close."*  
Psalm 27:10 (NLT)
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"The world and everything in it that people desire is passing away; but those who do the will of God will live forever."* 1 John 2:17 (GNT)  
*Jesus: "The things that are considered of great value by people are worth nothing in God's sight."* Luke 16:15 (GNT)
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
*Jesus: "I don't try to please myself, but I try to please the One who sent me."*  
John 5:30 (NCV)  
*Paul: "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 (NLT)
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"Yes, each of us will have to give a personal account to God."*  
Romans 14:12 (NLT)  
*"If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him, when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels." Luke 9:26 (PHILLIPS)*
6. \_\_\_\_\_  
*"Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but let God remould your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all his demands and moves towards the goal of true maturity." Romans 12:2 (PHILLIPS)*