

Escaping the People Pleaser Trap

You Are Pushing My Buttons – Part 4

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Proverbs 29:25 (TEV) - "It is a dangerous trap to be concerned with what others think of you, but if you trust the Lord, you are safe."

THE TRAPS OF PEOPLE PLEASING

1. It _____ us from being who God created us to be.

Jeremiah 29:11 – "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Psalms 139:16 "(Lord) You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed."

2. It _____ God's authority over our lives.

John 5:43-44 (NLT) – "I have come to you in my Father's name, and you have rejected me. Yet if others come in their own name, you gladly welcome them. ⁴⁴No wonder you can't believe! For you gladly honor each other, but you don't care about the honor that comes from the one who alone is God."

3. It causes _____ in our lives.

Matthew 15:7-8 – "You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: ⁸"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

In God's economy, **INTEGRITY** is more highly valued than **INCLUSION!**

KEYS TO ESCAPING THE PEOPLE PLEASER TRAP

1. **Not even God can _____ everyone.**

Luke 6:26 – “Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you.”

2. **We do not need people’s _____ to be happy.**

John 5:41 (NLT) – “Your approval means nothing to me.”

3. **We need only to please an audience of _____ .**

John 5:30 (NCV) - “...I don’t try to please myself, but I try to please the One who sent me.”

Galatians 1:10 – “Do you think I am trying to make people accept me? No, God is the One I am trying to please. Am I trying to please people? If I still wanted to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.”

Romans 12:2 (Phillips) - “Don’t let the world around you **squeeze you into its own mold**, but let God re-mold 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.”