

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. ~ 2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV

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

REJECTION **TRAPS**

1) OVERLY **STARVED**.

‘...I have sinned. I violated the LORD’s command...I was afraid of the people and so I gave in to them.’ ~ 1 Samuel 15:24

Approval addicts have an inability to confront.
Approval addicts give in, but are inwardly angry and resentful.

2) OVERLY **CAUTIOUS**.

Blessed is the man who always fears the LORD, but he who hardens his heart falls into trouble. ~ Proverbs 28:14

But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved praise from men more than praise from God. ~ John 12:42-43

HOW TO **OVERCOME** THE FEAR OF REJECTION

1) SAY "**YES**" TO **PLEASING** GOD.

But Jehoshaphat also said to the king of Israel, "First seek the counsel of the LORD." ~ 1 Kings 22:5

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ~ Matthew 6:33

2) SAY "**NO**" TO **PLEASING** PEOPLE.

Who are you that you fear mortal men, the sons of men, who are but grass, that you forget the LORD your Maker... ~ Isaiah 51:12b-13a

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

GOAL: LIVE FOR AN AUDIENCE OF **ONE**.

By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

~ John 5:30

"Secure in God's love, I will not surrender my self-worth to the opinions and judgments of others.

When I am rejected, I will not retaliate;

when I am hurt, I will allow God's love to heal me.

And knowing the pain of rejection,

I will seek to love those who suffer from its anguish."

- Lloyd Ogilvie