

## **CHASING THE WIND: People Pleasing**

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Enjoy what you have rather than desiring what you don't have. Just dreaming about nice things is meaningless–like chasing the wind. **Ecclesiastes 6:9 NLT** 

Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the Lord means safety. **Proverbs 29:25 NLT** 

## Focus on pleasing God instead of pleasing people.

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 NLT

Many people did believe in (Jesus), however, including some of the Jewish leaders. But they wouldn't admit it for fear that the Pharisees would expel them from the synagogue. **John 12:42 NLT** 

## Live <u>from</u> the approval of God instead of <u>for</u> the approval of people.

For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts. **1 Thessalonians 2:4 NLT** 

Then (Jesus) said to them, "You like to appear righteous in public, but God knows your hearts. What this world honors is detestable in the sight of God." **Luke 16:15 NLT**