

It is dangerous trap to be concerned with what others think of you, but if you trust the Lord, you are safe.

Prov. 29:25 (TEV)

WHY TRYING TO PLEASE EVERYONE IS A TRAP

1. IT CAUSES ME TO MISS GOD'S _____

Our purpose is to please God, not people. He is the one who examines the motives of our hearts. 1 Thes. 2:4b (NLT)

2. IT KEEPS MY FAITH _____

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. IT LEADS _____

Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong! Exo. 23:2a

Saul confessed to Samuel, "I've sinned. I've trampled roughshod over God's Word and your instructions. I cared more about pleasing people so I let them tell me what to do." 1 Sam. 15:24 (Mes)

4. IT EXPOSES _____

Jesus: "You make yourselves look good in other people's eyes but God knows your hearts." Luke 16:15a (TEV)

You may brag about yourself, but the only approval that counts is the Lord's approval. 2 Cor. 10:18 (CEV)

5. IT SILENCES _____

No one had the courage to speak favorably about Jesus in public, for they were afraid of getting in trouble with the leaders. John 7:13 (NLT)

SIX FACTS TO REMEMBER

1. EVEN GOD CAN'T _____!

If God were a candidate for president could He please everyone?

2. I DON'T NEED ANYONE'S APPROVAL _____!

Jesus: "Your approval or disapproval means nothing to me." John 5:41 (NLT)

3. WHAT SEEMS SO IMPORTANT IS _____

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 (TEV)

4. I ONLY HAVE TO _____!

Jesus: "I don't try to please myself, but I only please the One who sent me." John 5:30 (NCV)

Paul: "I'm not trying to be a people pleaser! No, I am trying to please God. If I were still trying to please people, I would not be Christ's servant." Gal. 1:10 (NLT)

5. ONE DAY I WILL GIVE _____

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, I, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when I come in my glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. Luke 9:26

6. BE WHO GOD _____

Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold 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 (Ph)