

# Longing for Approval

Proverbs 29:25

## **SIGNS YOU ARE LONGING FOR APPROVAL**

*You know you struggle with the disease to please when...*

\_\_\_\_\_ **YOU WORRY ABOUT WHAT OTHERS THINK**

\_\_\_\_\_ **YOU ARE OFTEN OVERLY SENSITIVE**

\_\_\_\_\_ **YOU OFTEN COMPROMISE YOUR VALUES**

\_\_\_\_\_ **YOU HESITATE SHARING YOUR FAITH**

\_\_\_\_\_ **YOU HAVE A HARD TIME SAYING NO**

## **OVERCOMING THE DISEASE TO PLEASE**

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❶ **FOCUS ON PLEASEING GOD INSTEAD OF PLEASING PEOPLE.** (Galatians 1:10)

❷ **LIVING FROM THE APPROVAL OF GOD INSTEAD OF FOR THE APPROVAL OF PEOPLE.** (1 Thessalonians 2:4)

# REALife Application

## **Main Idea:**

Lay down your longing for approval by focusing on pleasing God and living from His approval.

## **Key Questions:**

What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you?  
Why did this idea grab your attention?

In what ways are you longing for the approval of others? How has that affected you?

What steps might you need to take to focus more on pleasing God and living from the approval of God?

**Optional Questions:** If needed, include one or more of these scriptures and questions to extend your conversation.

With your Bible, read and discuss Proverbs 29:25, Galatians 1:10, and 1 Thessalonians 2:4.

How do you think the way you see yourself might differ from who God says you are?

What past experiences might cause your longing for the approval of others?

It was said that you can't please everyone, but you can please God. How different would your life be if you fully embraced that fact?

## **Next Steps:**

What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?

Strive to overcome your longing for others' approval by reading and talking over the following Bible passages this week.

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