

OVERCOMING FEAR

(PART 4)

Overcoming Fear of What People Think

Proverbs 3:1-10, 21-26

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Insecurity is the result of wrongly valuing popularity, status symbols, and our own misinformed opinions, but genuine security is rooted in confident trust in God.

*** We overcome the enslaving fear of what people think when we:**

1. Keep perseverance with _____.

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Proverbs 3:1-3

Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Proverbs 3:4

2. Defeat insecurity with _____ in God.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. Proverbs 3:7

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" Hebrews 13:5-6

3. Honor _____ with our _____.

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

The Message reads this way in vs. 9: "Honor God with everything you own; give Him the first and the best."

4. Make _____ decisions led by _____.

My son, preserve sound judgment and discernment, do not let them out of your sight; they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck. Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble; when you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. Proverbs 3:21-24

Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked, for the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being snared. Proverbs 3:25-26

Live with personal security . . .

1. The key to overcoming insecurity is finding our security in a faith relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Have you given your life to Jesus through repentance of sin and a faith commitment to live for Him as a disciple?
2. We all have an inner desire to be accepted on some level by others. But remember that none of us will stand before a group of peers at the end of our lives and give an account—we will stand before God! Let your motto for life be: "God's opinion counts most!"
3. Develop the good habit of filtering decisions through God's Word. This will give you good judgment. How well-worn are the pages of your Bible? How well is the truth of God imbedded in your heart?