

FEAR NO ONE BUT GOD

The fear of mankind is a snare,
but the one who trusts in the LORD is protected.
Proverbs 29:25

“When we see people as bigger than God, and, out of the fear that creates in us, we give other people the power and right to tell us what to feel, think, and do.” Ed Welch

Little children, guard yourselves from idols. 1 John 5:21

Four Source Idols:

1. *Comfort:*
Longs for stress-free relationships
2. *Approval:*
Longs to be accepted by others
3. *Power:*
Longs to be seen as successful by others
4. *Control:*
Longs for certainty from others

1. *Comfort:*
Fears expectations from other people
2. *Approval:*
Fears rejection by people
3. *Power:*
Fears humiliation by people
4. *Control:*
Fears change and inconsistency in others

“The greatness of God rouses fear within us, but His goodness encourages us not to be afraid of Him. To fear and not be afraid—that is the paradox of faith.” AW Tozer

Then their children who do not know the law will listen and learn to fear the LORD your God... Deuteronomy 31:13

Reflection Question:

Where have you allowed the fear of man to stifle your spiritual growth?
Can you identify the “source” idol under that fear?

Scripture from the CSB unless noted.