

FEAR:
Overcoming a Fear of People
Psalm 34:1-22

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1. The fear of people is a _____ fear.

- a. We fear people because they may physically _____ us.
- b. We fear people because they may _____ us.
- c. We fear people because they may _____ us.

2. We often pursue inadequate and sinful _____ to address these fears.

"Whatever you think you need will _____ you. If you need something from other people - love, acceptance, approval - they hold the keys to something valuable to you. You will live in fear that they might not deliver. You will fear those who are the gatekeepers to the fulfillment of your needs." - Edward Welch

3. The Biblical way to overcome a fear of people is to diligently pursue our biggest "_____".

- a. Man has a great need to daily pursue a worshipful _____ of the Lord.
 - 1) Sinful man should rightly be _____ of the holy justice of God.
 - 2) In Christ we must _____ to come to the Lord in reverent submission.
 - 3) In Christ we come to rejoice in the _____ and sovereign care of the Lord.

b. Man has a great need to _____ people.

- 1) We desire for others to personally know the _____ of God.
- 2) We see the need for interdependent relationships with others, especially within the _____.

*"There is no question that biblical love leaves us more vulnerable. But this will not be the devastating vulnerability that comes with psychologically _____ people. Christians need less and love more."
- Edward Welch*