	Fear of Man v	s.	Fear of God*
Definition	Replacing God with people	•	The conscious awareness of God's presence.
	• Giving other people the power to tell us what to	٠	Worship, trust, and devotion based upon God's
	think, feel, and do.		holy justice and His holy love.
Cause/	• Fear of being exposed, rejected, or harmed	•	Focus on God
Motivation	Focus on self	٠	Knowing Him
	Protecting self	•	Respect
		•	Love
What	Past experiences—history of victimization	•	Being amazed by Him
Intensifies It?	• Assumptions of the world: blame shifting, self-	•	Trials and God's chastening hand
	esteem	•	Understanding God's love
	• Needing to be liked, appreciated, or respected	•	OT stories and Psalms that present a big God
	• Belief that feelings more important than faith		
Effects/	Worry	•	Relaxed
Expression	Lack of love (1 Cor 13:5)	٠	<u>Freedom</u>
	Affects intimacy with God	٠	Happiness, joy (Jn 13:17)
	Pessimism	•	Lack of worry
	Anger (why don't they respect me?)	٠	Genuine love for others—not spoiled by
	Any form of one-upmanship		selfishness
	<ul> <li>Avoiding people and situations</li> </ul>		
How Can I Tell	• Lack of closure to a situation. It's not over. I will	٠	lt's over.
Where I'm	face something like this again.	•	How do I react to loss? Am I persuaded that
Living?	<ul> <li>Ask, "Who am I pleasing?"</li> </ul>		God is bigger than my loss?
-	• Ask, "Who am I thinking about? Me or others?"		

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	Fear of Man ve	5.	Fear of God*
Definition	<ul> <li>Replacing God with people</li> <li>Giving other people the power to tell us what to think, feel, and do.</li> </ul>	•	The conscious awareness of God's presence. Worship, trust, and devotion based upon God's holy justice and His holy love.
Cause/ Motivation	<ul> <li>Fear of being exposed, rejected, or harmed</li> <li>Focus on self</li> <li>Protecting self</li> </ul>	• • •	Focus on God Knowing Him Respect Love
What Intensifies It?	<ul> <li>Past experiences—history of victimization</li> <li>Assumptions of the world: blame shifting, selfected</li> <li>Needing to be liked, appreciated, or respected</li> <li>Belief that feelings more important than faith</li> </ul>	• • •	Being amazed by Him Trials and God's chastening hand Understanding God's love OT stories and Psalms that present a big God
Effects/ Expression	<ul> <li>Worry</li> <li>Lack of love (1 Cor 13:5)</li> <li>Affects intimacy with God</li> <li>Pessimism</li> <li>Anger (why don't they respect me?)</li> <li>Any form of one-upmanship</li> <li>Avoiding people and situations</li> </ul>	• • •	Relaxed <u>Freedom</u> Happiness, joy (Jn 13:17) Lack of worry Genuine love for others—not spoiled by selfishness
How Can I Tell Where I'm Living?	<ul> <li>Lack of closure to a situation. It's not over. I will face something like this again.</li> <li>Ask, "Who am I pleasing?"</li> <li>Ask, "Who am I thinking about? Me or others?"</li> </ul>	•	It's over. How do I react to loss? <i>Am I persuaded that</i> God is bigger than my loss?

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