## 25 Common Ways We Can Identify Fear of Man

**Fear of Man:** When you are more concerned about what people think about you than what God thinks about you.

Matthew 10:28: Don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

- 1. You often worry you will say the wrong thing.
- 2. You've never had a 100% conversation with someone.
- 3. No one knows the darkest details of your life, or you have a secret you have never shared.
- 4. You always talk about your past sin instead of your present sin.
- 5. You often make excuses for why something is the way it is or why it can't change.
- 6. You resent people when they are not impressed by you.
- 7. You get angry when others do not agree with you.
- 8. Your energy level shoots up around certain people but plummets around others.
- 9. You avoid certain people or situations and make excuses for avoiding them.
- 10. You try and put yourself in someone's path or think about how to get them to notice you.
- 11. You often wonder if you have offended someone.
- 12. You say you do not care if you offended someone.
- 13. You spend more time talking about a conversation than you spent on the actual conversation.
- 14. You replay a conversation in your mind, thinking of all the ways it could have gone better.
- 15. You overreact when someone says something negative about you.
- 16. You skew the facts or lie about something you did.
- 17. You confess to God but not to others.
- 18. You only confess to others, not to God.

- 19. You fall apart when someone falsely accuses you.
- 20. You often over work. It reveals you have something to prove to others.
- 21. You don't have any close friends because of the potential pain involved if it doesn't go well.
- 22. You manipulate others, events, or social media to get affirmation or attention.
- 23. You often give ultimatums to people. "If you can't do X, then I'm not doing Y."
- 24. You say you don't care what other people think, attempting to minimize your need for approval.
- 25. You mock other people because of their flaws (form of pride) or their success (form of envy).

