



## FEAR NOT

### Part 2 – Afraid of What People Think About Me December 13, 2015

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## LIVING FOR GOD INSTEAD OF PEOPLE

1. If you're not ready to be criticized for your  
\_\_\_\_\_ to God, you're not ready  
to be \_\_\_\_\_ by God.

2. Extraordinary acts of God often start with  
\_\_\_\_\_ acts of \_\_\_\_\_.

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ is God's responsibility.

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ is mine.

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✓ We always give our \_\_\_\_\_ to what we value  
the \_\_\_\_\_.

✓ Value what people think – \_\_\_\_\_.

✓ Value God – \_\_\_\_\_.

## TALK IT OVER

- How might you be obsessed by what people think of you?
- Describe a time when you were criticized for your obedience to God. What did you learn from your experience?
- What has God put on your heart? What ordinary act of obedience do you need to take?

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