

Godly Security

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Grandiosity

- When a person is Godly secure in who they are, they have no need to prove themselves to others. The opinions of man does not change a secure persons direction or focus. *Gal. 1:10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.*
- Though the opinions of others may emotionally challenge us, they can't alter God's plan for us as long as we know what His plan for us is.. *Eph. 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.*
- Not knowing the plan of God for your life is the devil's recipe for an unsure believer. Any believer that is unsure of their belief forfeits the blessings of God. *James 1:8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.*
- Security in the plan that God has for us comes from being confident in what the Word says and what God made us to be. When we lack confidence in these areas, we will find ourselves trying to prove our worth to others in exchange for their validation. *James 4:4 know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*

Look at me!

- A person that fights to prove their worth will bring harm to others. In order to prove it, you must show it. And in the process of showing yourself, you will attempt to overshadow others. *Rom. 12:10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;*
- When a person speaks highly of themselves, they are putting others down. There is no way to toot



your own horn without drowning out the sounds around you. *Rom. 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.*

- There is no place in the Kingdom of God for self promotion but we are all equal and should never count anyone as lesser. This means that we should never look at what someone else has or achieves in the body of Christ and get jealous or upset. *Gal. 5:26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.*

High Society

- An insecure person is always looking for a way to rise to importance in the eyes of others. But in the process of rising, they must count someone else as unworthy to be where they are trying to go. *James*

3:14 *But if you have bitter jealousy and selfishness in your hearts, do not boast and tell lies against the truth.*

- Paul taught us that we should never mind "high things" but we should look at ourselves as common and have a common demeanor about ourselves. *Rom. 12:16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.*
- Even when we feel a person has wronged us, we must be able to see *our* own wrong in order to forgive them. We should never have a condescending attitude toward them because we have wronged others before. *Rom. 12:21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.*

Summary - Does the success of others make you upset? Do you feel the need to tell people what you have accomplished? Do you feel the need to defend yourself when you are wronged? Do you feel the need to compensate for what you lack by being overly outspoken about your abilities? If you answered yes to any of these, then chances are that you are insecure about yourself. Being insecure as a believer will cause you to either have no fortitude to stand strong, or make you pretend you are stronger than you really are to compensate for the displeasure in your life.

But there is a simple fix to being secure as a believer. All you have to do is embrace who God made you and line your life up with His plan for you. When we venture outside of God's plan for us, we have to make our own way. When we are making our own way, we must compete with others and stop others from getting in our way. But when God is pleased with us, man's opinion doesn't matter. It's only when we are not pleased with ourselves that we try to convince others of our worth. And when we do this, we are esteeming ourselves higher than others!

2Cor. 10:17 But whoever has a desire for glory, let his glory be in the Lord.

2Cor. 10:18 For the Lord's approval of a man is not dependent on his opinion of himself, but on the Lord's opinion of him.

