

HOW TO BE DELIVERED FROM PEOPLE

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1st Peter 5:6

When you are in bondage to people they will control your emotions, perspective, behavior, actions and perception. In most cases, this happens indirectly. Unfortunately, many people who are in bondage to other individuals do not realize it. They live day to day influenced by people, living unstable and miserable lives.

When you are in bondage to people they have attained access to your most valuable asset... **YOUR MIND**. Most times this sneaks up on you. No one wants to be enslaved by another person.

However, their ignorance leads them toward the bondage of another person. If you do not know how to separate admiration from exaltation you will unconsciously become

a slave to the ideas, perceptions and perspectives of people.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ADMIRATION AND EXALTATION

There is nothing wrong with admiring someone.

Admiration is a compliment. God has blessed people with wonderful abilities. Their talents should amaze you.

However, it is **NOT** your responsibility to exalt them. God **NEVER** said for us to exalt anyone.

He said He would exalt people. 1st Peter 5:6 says, "*Be humble under God's powerful hand so He will LIFT you up when the right time comes.*" When you move from

admiration to exaltation you give a person **PERMISSION** to enslave you mentally. Whatever has been exalted will be held at a standard.

We pursue standards. We honor standards and we **CHANGE** to accommodate standards. When a person has

been exalted in your life they have become the standard for you to achieve. You may be thinking, I would never do this. **SUBCONSCIOUSLY**, we all have.

Remember Michael Jordan? The famous basketball player who played for the Chicago Bulls in the nineties. Michael Jordan is considered to be the greatest basketball player ever. When he came out with his shoes there was a catch phrase synonymous with his shoe brand. The catch phrase was, "*if I can be like mike.*"

It was believed that if you bought Michael Jordan's gym shoes you can play just **LIKE** him. In other words, you will **LOSE** all the creativity and uniqueness that you brought to the game of basketball and **CONFORM** to the way Michael Jordan played the game of basketball. Whether people realize it or not Michael Jordan controlled the minds of many young people.

There were a multitude of young people trying to be like Mike, dress like Mike, play like Mike and act like Mike.

When a person is willing to pay over one hundred dollars for a pair of gym shoes because they believe they can be like the person who is wearing them, that's **BONDAGE!** Never allow your admiration of someone to lead you toward exalting them.

The world promotes these idealistic images. Don't fall for this. The **ONLY** person we are to exalt is King Jesus. King Jesus said if I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me according to John 12:32.

It is great to admire and be amazed at a person's accomplishments, achievements and success. However, **NEVER** exalt them. Do not place them above you. If you do this you will become a mental slave to what they believe, how they believe and why they believe.

BEING DELIVERED

If you find yourself following people's perspective rather than God's Word you **NEED** deliverance. If you find

yourself following the morality of society instead of the integrity of King Jesus you **NEED** deliverance. If you find yourself following the ideas of people rather than the righteousness of God you **NEED** deliverance.

If you find yourself reaching for the standards of people instead of pursuing the Kingdom of God you **NEED** deliverance. If you find yourself following cultural trends instead of Jesus character you **NEED** deliverance.

Anytime you find yourself shifting **AWAY** from God and drawing toward people you are mentally enslaved. People have a very cunning way of seducing your mind. There is only **ONE** way to avoid getting seduced.

You must **FOCUS** on pleasing God. When your focus is on pleasing God people will not have the power to influence you. Will there be a backlash for pleasing God and disregarding people's ideas. Yes. Will there be a consequence for pleasing God and disappointing people? Yes. However, remember this wisdom key.

WHEN YOU PLEASE GOD YOU WILL LOSE
FAVOR WITH PEOPLE! HOWEVER, WHEN GOD
FAVORS YOU NO ONE CAN DEFEAT YOU.

There will be moments when the Lord will tell you to say or do something unfavorable in the eyes of people. There will be times when the Lord's instructions will offend other people. However, when you are delivered from the opinions of people their reactions will **NOT** bother you. Their words will **NOT** depress you.

Their plans will **NOT** disturb you. As you spend more time studying the Kingdom constitution (the Bible) it will become easier to please God. People will always have dominion over you if you choose to remain ignorant to the Kingdom of God and its statutes.

Study the Bible. As you study the Bible you will gain the confidence to walk alone, to speak against what is wrong and to stand before the Lord in the midst of opposition.

God gave us promises we could **DEPEND** on to ensure our victory, success and prosperity.

As you learn these promises, the favor of people will **NOT** mean much to you. Remove yourself from the bondage of people by empowering yourself with the knowledge of God's Word.

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