

Fearing Man

Read John 7-9

These verses illustrate the fear of people in Jesus' day.

Why do you think these people were afraid of other people? What did they fear might happen? (See John 7:13, 46-48; 9:20-23)

When do you fear people? In what situations do you regard the opinions of others too highly?

Jesus addressed this problem in His teaching (see John 7:18, 24; 8:15, 24, 43, 58). In His wisdom and compassion, He told them what they needed to know to overcome this sin of fearing man (which kept them from saving faith).

In your own words, write what Jesus said in relation to fearing man. How do these principles from Jesus' teaching s apply to your fear of man?
