

1. We are a product of our past, but we don't have to be captives of it.

*No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead. -Philippians 3:13*

Prayer: Dear God - Don't hold my sins against me, but hold me up against my sins. When my soul becomes aware of You and each time I am awakened, may I be reminded not of my sin but of Your forgiveness.

2. Being a people pleaser and a dream chaser are not compatible.

*Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ. -Galatians 1:10*

### Top Ten Reasons People Pleasing is a Really Dumb Idea

10. You are already who God created you to be. Approval from others shouldn't be requested because it's not necessary.

9. People pleasing puts you in the precarious position of feeling powerless to say "no" and then being frustrated when you say "yes".

8. You downplay your passions and interests for the approval of others.

7. There are better things to be addicted to than external validation.

6. It is not going to be possible to please some people.

5. If you live for people's acceptance, you will die from their rejection. #Lecrae

4. In trying to please all, he had pleased none. #AesopsFables

3. Pleasing God re-creates you into God's image. Pleasing others conforms you into people's image.

2. People pleasing is a sin. It means we elevate people and diminish God.

1. Being absorbed with what others think about you is quickest and most effective way to disregard what God believes about you.

Prayer: Dear God - Help me to not seek the approval of others, but You. Let me see myself the way You see me.

3. Jesus teaches us about crafting our vision when He teaches us to pray: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. -Psalm 32:8

Prayer: Dear God - Teach me Your will for my life. I want to begin and end each day in the center of Your will. Open my eyes and my heart to the vision You have for me and of me.

4. You are not an accident. You are here today for a purpose.

*If you stay silent during this time, deliverance for the Jews will come from somewhere, but you, my child, and all of your father's family will die. And who knows? Perhaps you have been made queen for such a time as this." -Esther 4:14*

God will use who and where you are right now to prepare you for the place He wants to lead you to tomorrow.

Prayer: Dear God - Do something small in me and through me. Do something big in me and through me. Use me Lord.