

Remote Control

Part Five - Control Freak

We often attempt to control what God asks us to concede.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

2 Timothy 1:7 (NET)

For God did not give us a Spirit of fear but of power and love and self-control.

The need to control stems from fear and pride.

Proverbs 29:25 (NLT)

Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the LORD means safety.

Proverbs 11:2 (NLT)

Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

The control freak focuses primarily on controlling image, environments and others.

1. Image

Matthew 26:33 (GWT)

Peter said to him, "Even if everyone else abandons you, I never will."

2. Environments

Matthew 16:22 (CEV)

Peter took Jesus aside and told him to stop talking like that. He said, "God would never let this happen to you, Lord!"

3. Others

John 21:21-22 (NIV)

When Peter saw (John), he asked, "Lord, what about him?" 22 Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me."

Control is really about Lordship.

John 13:8 (NLT)

"No," Peter protested, "you will never ever wash my feet!" Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me."