

**Should I care
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of me?**

Peer Pressure: “Social pressure by members of one's peer group to take a certain action, adopt certain values, or otherwise conform in order to be accepted.”

Depression



Suicide

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Desire to fit in



**Compromise
example**

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- The Danger of caring too much can:
 - Compromise our service to God:
 - Prov. 1:10; 12:26; II Cor. 6:14; James 4:4
 - Compromise our example:
 - Jude 1:8; Matt. 5:14-16
 - Change who we seek to please:
 - John 12:43, Rom. 2:29

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- People of faith will stand out, be mocked
 - Jeremiah – Jer. 20:7-13
 - Jesus – Psm. 22:6-8, 22
 - Countless servants of God – Heb. 11:36-38
- Blessed are those who endure, overcome
 - I Pet. 4:3-4, 12-14; Matt. 5:10-12

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- Yes, inasmuch as I should constantly be aware of my example, my effect on others, making changes when necessary to be what God wants me to be.
- NEVER so much that I allow it to discourage me or lead me to hurt myself!
- NEVER so much that I allow it to cause me to not serve God or be a proper example!