

Wise Up

The Fear of the Lord

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Part 1



Proverbs 1:1-2 "These are the proverbs of Solomon, David's son, king of Israel. Their purpose is to teach people wisdom..." (NLT=New Living Translation)

Proverbs 1:7 "Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true knowledge..." (NLT)

Proverbs 9:10 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight." (ESV=English Standard Version)

1. Attitude of _____ and Awe

Isaiah 40:12,15 "Who else has held the oceans in his hand? Who has measured off the heavens with his fingers? Who else knows the weight of the earth or has weighed the mountains and hills on a scale?

No, for all the nations of the world are but a drop in the bucket. They are nothing more than dust on the scales. He picks up the whole earth as though it were a grain of sand." (NLT)

2. Submission and _____

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." (NLT)

3. Turning Away from _____

Proverbs 3:7 "Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the LORD and turn away from evil." (NLT)

- We resist evil knowing God's way is the _____
Luke 9:23 "Then he said to the crowd, 'If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.' (NLT)
- We resist evil knowing there are _____ for sin
Galatians 6:7-9 "Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." (ESV)

4. Blessings and _____

Proverbs 10:27 "The fear of the Lord prolongs life..." (ESV)

Proverbs 14:26 "In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence..." (ESV)

Proverbs 19:23 "The fear of the Lord leads to life and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm." (ESV)

Proverbs 22:4 "The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life. (ESV)

John 16:33 "I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." (NLT)

5. _____ with God

Psalms 25:12-14 "Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him..." (ESV)

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Discussion Questions:

1. When you hear the phrase, "fear of the Lord", what thoughts and feelings does this create? Why do we often associate this phrase with something negative?
2. What is the fear of the Lord? Why is it so important? Why is it connected to Wisdom?
3. Five truths were discussed in connection with the fear of the Lord. The first three were ways we can grow in the fear of the Lord. Discuss the first three and how they help you grow this godly fear.
4. The last two are more benefits resulting from the fear of the Lord. Discuss these two blessings and how you experience them in your own life.

