

~ The Fear of the Lord ~

*"...a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised."
Proverbs 31:30b*

1. What do you think it means to "fear" the Lord?

2. From the verses below, write what you learn about the fear the Lord.

Proverbs 1:7 ~

Proverbs 1:29-31 ~

Proverbs 8:13 ~

Proverbs 9:10 ~

Proverbs 14:26-27 ~

Proverbs 19:23 ~

3. How do you think the fear of the Lord is evidenced in the life of a Christian?

4. Look up the following verses on the fear of man and describe the results.

1 Samuel 15:24 ~

Proverbs 25:26 ~

Proverbs 29:25 ~

Isaiah 57:11 ~

Luke 12:4-5 ~

John 7:13 ~

John 9:22 ~

Galatians 2:11-12 ~

*“We fear man so much because we fear God so little.”
William Gurnall*

5. What is lost by fearing man versus what is gained by fearing God?

6. In the following scenarios, compare what the fear of man would be with what walking in the fear of the Lord would be.

Someone asks you to “exaggerate” the truth.

Fear of man ~

Fear of the Lord ~

Someone asks you to say a “generic” prayer rather than praying in the name of Jesus.

Fear of man ~

Fear of the Lord ~

The Lord tells you to share the gospel with your very liberal neighbors.

Fear of man ~

Fear of the Lord ~

Your teenager pleads with you to see a movie which is immoral in content.

Fear of man ~

Fear of the Lord ~

Someone pressures you to compromise your ethics in a business transaction.

Fear of man ~

Fear of the Lord ~

Your boss pressures you to tell something or do something that isn't true to affect his or her outcome.

Fear of man ~

Fear of the Lord ~

7. Are there any areas in your own life, marriage, parenting, job or witness of Christ that have been hindered because you have feared man over God? If so, confess them to the Lord and begin walking in the fear of the Lord.

8. What can you specifically do to choose the fear of the Lord over the fear of man in the areas mentioned above?

9. In the Scriptures below, look up the promises of choosing the fear of the Lord. Choose two of them that especially speak to your heart and write them out.

Psalm 25:12

Psalm 31:19

Psalm 103:13

Psalm 112:1-2

Psalm 128

Psalm 147:11

Malachi 3:16

Luke 1:50

Acts 10:35

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10. Proverbs 31:30 tells us that a woman who fears the Lord will be praised. Can you share with your group a time when you saw the fruit of or received praise for choosing the fear of the Lord?

*“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:
Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all.”
Ecclesiastes 12:13
~ Selah ~*