

"I Don't Really Fear Him"

And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe."

- 1 Thessalonians 2:13: NIV

They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good. - Titus 1:16 NIV

"Sin whispers to the wicked, deep within their hearts. They have no fear of God at all. In their blind conceit, they cannot see how wicked they really are." - Psalm 36:1-2 NLT

_____ GOD + _____ GOD = FEARING GOD

THE FEAR OF GOD LEADS TO BLESSINGS

"The **fear of the LORD** is the beginning of wisdom." - Proverbs 9:10 NIV

"The **fear of the LORD** is a fountain of life, turning a person from the snares of death." - Proverbs 14:27 NIV

"True humility and **fear of the LORD** lead to riches, honor, and long life." - Proverbs 22:4 NLT

THE FEAR OF GOD

"Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." - Genesis 22:12 NIV

- The Greatest Evidence Of The FEAR OF GOD Is Complete _____ To Him.
- In What _____ Of Your Life Are You NOT FEARING And NOT OBEYING God?
- What Are You Going To _____ About It?

BAPTISM SUNDAY, TODAY

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- What's your gut definition of fearing God? How does the word "fear" make you feel about God?
- Has there ever been anyone in which you've had a "healthy" fear? Explain.
- Do you think the most people's perspective of fearing God is any different from a biblical perspective? Explain how it is or isn't.
- Does your life reflect your understanding of God as a loving Father, or a righteous Judge? Do you think you need more balance? If so, how?
- How do you think you'd respond if God asked you to do something crazy like what he asked of Abraham and Isaac?
- Have you ever customized to what extent you obey God? Share a story. How did it work out.
- Share a story of a time when your fear of the Lord led to a wise decision, a fuller life, success, honor, or health?