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# Crossroads

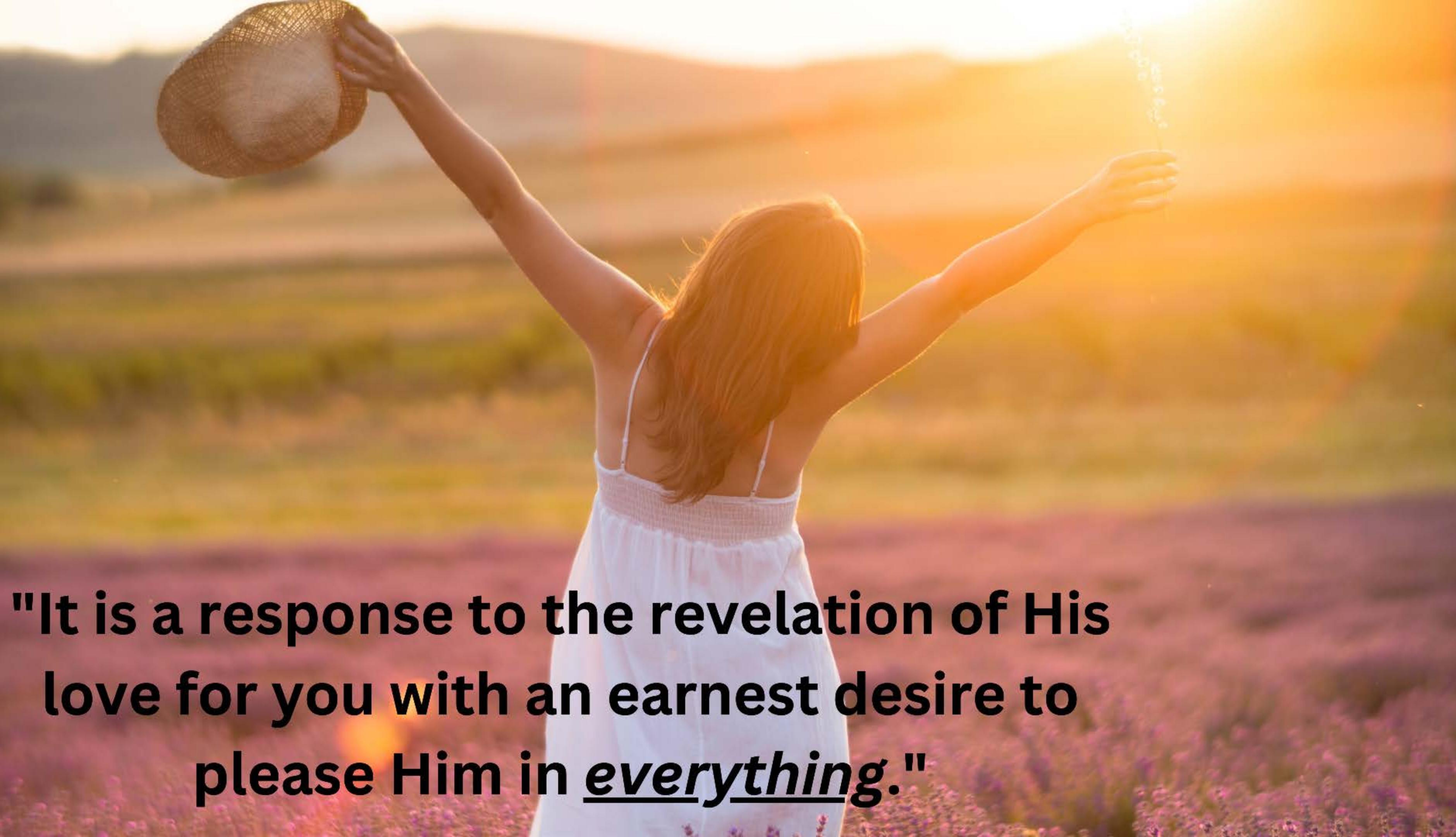
**"The Fear of the Lord is not to  
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Him."**

• John Bevere



**THE FEAR OF THE LORD:  
THE HIGEST AWESTRUCK EFFECT  
THAT FOLLOWS STRONG  
REVELATION OF GOD**





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love for you with an earnest desire to  
please Him in everything."**

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## SCRIPTURES TO STUDY

- 2 Masters: Matthew 6:24 NLT
- Unto The Lord Only: Colossians 3:23 AMPC
- Fear Of Man: Proverbs 29:25 NKJV
- Approval: John 5:41-42 NLT, Galatians 1:10 NLT
- Reputation: Philippians 2:6-7 KJV, 1 Corinthians 2:15 TPT
- Acceptance: Galatians 2:11-14 TPT
- Jesus' Encouragement: John 15:18-21 TPT, John 14:27 TPT, John 16:1-2, 33 NLT

## MAIN POINTS, DEFINITIONS & APPLICATION

### The Fear of The Lord is:

- "Not to be afraid of God, but to be terrified of being away from Him." -John Bevere
- "The highest awestruck effect that follows the deep revelation of God." -Joshua Welton
- "The response to the revelation of His love for you with an earnest desire to please Him in everything." -Hannah Welton
- The fear of the Lord is supposed to be the foundation of our decision making. & every decision we make will reveal who our "Lord" is.
- One great hindrance to living in the fear of the Lord is the fear of man. They cannot coexist in your life. You will always choose one over the other.
- The fear of man can disguise itself as the fear of the Lord in the seat of your "godly intentions." i.e. The existence of godly intent does not imply the fear of the Lord. The proof of Lordship lies in the fruit.

### The Fear of Man Reveals Itself As...

1. Desiring to be approved/validated
2. Desiring a certain public perception/reputation
3. Desiring Acceptance

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## MAIN POINTS, DEFINITIONS & APPLICATION

**The Fear of the Lord Reveals Itself As...**

1. Knowing you're approved/validated
2. Knowing your reputation & being at peace with it
3. Knowing you're accepted

### **DECLARATIONS:**

**"God, I will not make ANY decision in my life based on the receptivity or approval of men. YOU are my only compass."**

**"Let all of my life, all that I do, and everything that I am seek only to please the Lord and not man."**

**"In all that I do, I seek only to please the Lord."**

### **Remember:**

- You have influence & responsibility. Your decisions impact those around you, and those around them etc. Just like Peter chose to make his decision based on the approval of others (the fear of man), he led astray many believers to do the same. Your decisions have a ripple effect and can effect many. Choose life. Make the decision to ONLY consider what God sees in you, thinks about you and wants for/from you.
- If the world persecuted Jesus, they will persecute you. Their receptivity isn't your responsibility, your representation is.
- BE INTENTIONAL WITH YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS!!! 🔥

# The Fear of Man

- Condemns You
- Overpowers You
  - Cripples You
- Emphasizes Failure
  - Exhausts You



# The Fear of God

- Convicts You
- Empowers You
- Strengthens You
- Emphasizes Victory
- Rests You

# The Fear of Man

- Misleads You
- Controls You
- Traps You
- Breeds Doubt
  - Reactive
  - Confuses You
- Keeps You Unsatisfied



# The Fear of God

- Guides You
- Encourages You
- Shelters You
- Breeds Confidence
  - Proactive
  - Enlightens You
  - Fulfills/Settles You