

The Road Less Traveled

Godly Wisdom: Our Compass at the Crossroads of Life

Pt. 2 – A Foundation of Fear

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Matthew 10:28 (NLT), "Don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. **Fear only God**, who can **destroy both soul and body in hell.**"

1. Fear is the \_\_\_\_\_ of true wisdom.

Psalms 111:10 (NLT), "**Fear of the Lord** is the **foundation of true wisdom**. All who obey his commandments will grow in wisdom."

Proverbs 15:33 (NLT), "**Fear of the Lord teaches wisdom**; humility precedes honor."

2. The fear of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_.

Joshua 24:14 (NLT), "So, **fear the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly**. Put away forever the idols your ancestors worshiped when they lived beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord alone."

Hebrews 10:29-31 (NASB), "29 How much **more severe punishment** do you think he will deserve who has **trampled underfoot the Son of God**, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay." And again, "**The Lord will judge His people.**" 31 It is a **terrifying thing** to fall into the hands of the living God."

Hebrews 12:28-29 (NIV), "28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with **reverence and awe**, 29 for our "**God is a consuming fire.**"

3. Wisdom vs. \_\_\_\_\_.

Proverbs 1:7 (NIV), "The **fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge**, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Ephesians 1:17 (NLT), "I keep asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you **spiritual wisdom** and insight so that you might grow in your **knowledge of God.**"

Colossians 2:2-3 (NIV), "2 My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, **Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.**"

4. Our \_\_\_\_\_ to the fear of the Lord.

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

Psalms 34:4 (NIV), "I sought the Lord, and he answered me; **he delivered me from all my fears.**"

1 John 4:18 (NIV), "There is **no fear in love**. But **perfect love drives out fear**, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love."

5. The fear of the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 1:50 (NLT), "He shows **mercy** from generation to generation **to all who fear him.**"

Proverbs 10:27 (NLT), "**Fear of the Lord lengthens one's life**, but the years of the wicked are cut short."

Proverbs 29:25 (NIV), "**Fear of man** will prove to be a **snare**, but whoever **trusts in the Lord is kept safe.**"

Hebrews 13:6 (NIV), "So we say with **confidence**, 'The Lord is my helper; **I will not be afraid**. What can **mere mortals** do to me?'"

Joshua 1:9 (NIV), "Have I not commanded you? **Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid**; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

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