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Psalms 112:1

1 Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

John 15:10

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

CONCLUSION

Quote: When we come into this sweet relationship, we are beginning to learn astonished reverence, breathless adoration, awesome fascination, lofty admiration of the attributes of God and something of the breathless silence that we know when God is near. You may never have realized it before, but all of those elements in our perception and consciousness of the divine Presence add up to what the Bible calls “the fear of God.”...There are very few unqualified things in our lives, but I believe that the reverential fear of God mixed with love and fascination and astonishment and admiration and devotion is the most enjoyable state and the most purifying emotion the human soul can know. **A.W. Tozer**

Ecclesiastes 12:14

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SUPREME CONCLUSION

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INTRODUCTION

UNRUSHED—Live Lighter, Love Better

Decision 1: Sabbath Rest—take one day down.

Decision 2: Seasonal Serenity—cherish now.

Decision 3: Secret Place—embrace daily quiet.

Decision 4: Sincere Worship—worship with sincerity.

Decision 5: Simple Life—simplify with clarity and courage.

Decision 6: Strong in Wisdom—do the wise thing.

Decision 7: Sweet Surrender—savor the sweetness of God’s sovereignty.

Decision 8: Settle the Essentials—be intentional about what is valuable.

Decision 9: Survive the Folly—see the folly and walk away.

Decision 10: Steward Well—adventure through life with daring generosity.

Decision 11: Saviour First—delight in the loving Lordship of Jesus.

Decision 12: Supreme Conclusion—fear God, follow God, no matter what.

“Let us hear”—_____

“Conclusion of the whole matter”—_____

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“Fear” in the Old Testament: **Yirah/Yare**—To morally revere, to be frightened or terrified. **Pachad**—to be suddenly alarmed, to dread.

“Fear” in the New Testament: **Phobeo/Phobos**

(**phobia**)—to be put to alarm or terror, or to revere and be in awe of. (Godly fear = caution, propriety, reverence)

Genesis 15:1

1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, fear [yare’] not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

Genesis 20:11

11 And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear [yir’ah] of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife’s sake.

Genesis 31:53

53 The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge betwixt us. And Jacob sware by the fear [pachad] of his father Isaac.

1 Peter 2:17

17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear [phobeo] God. Honour the king.

1 John 4:18

18 There is no fear [phobos] in love; but perfect love casteth out fear [phobos]: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Defining fear—_____

John 3:36

36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

John 5:24

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.