
Life Principles from Proverbs:

What Does the Fear of the Lord Look Like in Action? (Psalms)

Proverbs – Fear God First

1. The Fear of the LORD Is the Basis for Understanding Truth

- a** *We must begin with the fear of the Lord to gain knowledge*
1:7 – The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, *But* fools despise wisdom and instruction.
- b** *We must begin with the fear of the Lord to gain wisdom*
9:10 – The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
15:33 – The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom, And before honor is humility.
- c** *Rejecting the fear of the Lord brings God's rejection in life*
1:29 – Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the LORD,
- d** *We understand the fear of the LORD through effort & time*
2:5 – Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God.

2. The Fear Of The LORD Involves a Right View/Response to Sin

- a** *To fear God is to hate evil (knowing that God is holy)*
8:13 – The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.
- b** *When we fear God, we choose Him over sin in our actions*
3:7 – Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear of the LORD and depart from evil.
16:6b – And by the fear of the LORD one departs from evil.

3. The Fear of the LORD Brings Blessing and Benefits

- a** *The Fear of the LORD Brings Confidence*
14:26a – In the fear of the LORD *there is* strong confidence,
- b** *The Fear of the LORD Brings Honor*
22:4 – By humility *and* the fear of the LORD Are riches and honor and life.
- c** *The Fear of the LORD Brings Life*
19:23a – The fear of the LORD *leads to* life,
- d** *The Fear of the LORD Brings Safety*
29:25 – The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.
- e** *The Fear of the LORD Brings Satisfaction*
19:23b – The fear of the LORD *leads to* life, And *he who has it* will abide in satisfaction;

Fearing the Lord Involves:

1. Blessing the Lord

135:20 – Bless the LORD, O house of Levi! You who fear the LORD, bless the LORD!

2. Praising the Lord

22:23 – You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!
40:3 – He has put a new song in my mouth—Praise to our God; Many will see *it* and fear, And will trust in the LORD.

3. Purposing to Fear the Lord

119:38 – Establish Your word to Your servant, Who *is devoted to* fearing You.

4. Hoping in the Lord's Mercy

33:18 – Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy,
147:11 – The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, In those who hope in His mercy.

5. Obeying the Lord's Commandments

111:10a – The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do *His commandments*. (12 – 119:63)
128:1 – Blessed *is* every one who fears the LORD, Who walks in His ways.

6. Learning the Lord's Truth

25:12 – Who *is* the man that fears the LORD? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses. (3 – 119:38; 8 – 86:11)

7. Delighting in the Lord's Commandments

112:1 – Praise the LORD! Blessed *is* the man *who* fears the LORD, *Who* delights greatly in His commandments.

8. Having an Undistracted Heart

86:11 – Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.

9. Serving the Lord

2:11 – Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling.

10. Testifying of the Lord

64:9 – All men shall fear, And shall declare the work of God; For they shall wisely consider His doing.
118:4 – Let those who fear the LORD now say, “His mercy *endures* forever.”

11. Worshipping the Lord

5:7 – But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.

12. Connecting with Others Who Fear the Lord

15:4 – In whose eyes a vile person is despised, But he honors those who fear the LORD; He *who* swears to his own hurt and does not change;
119:63 – I *am* a companion of all who fear You, And of those who keep Your precepts.
119:74 – Those who fear You will be glad when they see me, Because I have hoped in Your word.
119:79 – Let those who fear You turn to me, Those who know Your testimonies.

13. Making Commitments to the Lord

76:11a – Make vows to the LORD your God, and pay *them*;

14. Giving to the Lord

76:11b – Let all who are around Him bring presents to Him who ought to be feared.