

Gaining True Wisdom

Proverbs 3:13-14

13 Blessed is the one who FINDS WISDOM, and the one who gets understanding,

14 for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold.

Psalms 111:10 - The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Proverbs 9:10-12

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

11 For by me your days will be multiplied, and years will be added to your life.

12 If you are wise, you are wise for yourself; if you scoff, you alone will bear it.

Proverbs 1:10-12(MSG) - Skilled living gets its start in the Fear-of-God, insight into life from knowing a Holy God. It's through me, Lady Wisdom, that your life deepens, and the years of your life ripen. Live wisely and wisdom will permeate your life; mock life and life will mock you.

Lk. 1:50 - His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

Luke 12:4-5

4. "I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more.

5. But I will show you whom you should fear: FEAR HIM who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, FEAR HIM.

Luke 12:6-7

6. Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God.

7. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. DON'T BE AFRAID; you are worth more than many sparrows.

James 4:8 - Come near to God and he will come near to you.

So to fear the Lord is...

- A recognition of God's holiness, justice and righteousness as a counterpart to His love and mercy.
- A holy awe of God for His glory, holiness, majesty and power; A deep honor for Him and an awareness that He alone is God.
- To trust in God alone for salvation.
- To know God hates sin and WILL punish those who continue in sin!

Hebrews 10:26-27 - "If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God."

James 3:17 - But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

1. The fear of the Lord produces obedience to God in the life of the believer!

Proverbs 8:13 (NLT) - All who fear the Lord will hate evil. That is why I hate pride, arrogance, corruption, and perverted speech.

Proverbs 16:6 - Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for; through the fear of the Lord a man avoids evil.

Proverbs 23:17 - Do not let your heart envy sinners, but always be zealous for the fear of the Lord.

2. The fear of the Lord motivates parents to teach their children to follow God!

Psalms 34:11 - Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Proverbs 14:26 - He who fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for his

children it will be a refuge.

Proverbs 20:7 - The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him.

Proverbs 19:18 - Discipline your son, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to his death.

3. The fear of the Lord causes us to worship God in spirit and in truth!

Psalms 22:23 - You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

Revelation 14:7 - He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Proverbs 11:2 - When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom.

4. The fear of the Lord brings the assurance and encouragement of the Holy Spirit!

Proverbs 14:27 - The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death.

Proverbs 14:27(MSG) The Fear-of-God is a spring of living water so you won't go off drinking from poisoned wells.

Acts 9:31- It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.