



God's  
Word  
Fellowship

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD. What man *is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?*

Psalm 34:11-12

Usually, we don't associate the word fear with wisdom or anything positive. Fear isn't a noble trait. In the Hebrew the word used for fear is **Yaw-ray** and in Greek it is **phobos** (we get the word phobia from this word) or one of its derivative forms. Both these words mean terror, fright and the common things associated with fear. But when associated with the Lord, as in the phrase "Fear of the Lord", they take on a different meaning. In this context, fear means **reverence or honor**. The Bible plainly teaches that 'the fear of the Lord' is a noble, honorable and a greatly beneficial trait. When you fear God, you are deferring to God. You are exalting His Word above yours, His opinions above yours and His ways above yours. When you fear God, you submit to what He says even if you don't agree with it or understand it. When you fear God, you choose according to His Word and Wisdom.

In the above verse, the Holy Spirit promises us to teach us the fear of the Lord. Take hold of that and pray this verse, The Holy Spirit will teach you how walk in the fear of the Lord in a practical way in your life. He will customize the teaching for you. David the author of this psalm is a deeply spiritual man. He also specialized in bringing the spiritual into the practical part of life. For him, God was not confined to synagogues or just the sabbath days. David understood how to walk with God 24/7 every day of his life. I like how he moves on to the practical implications of the fear of the Lord. David asks "**What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?**". Also, in verse 9 of this same psalm He says "**O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him**".

The Fear of the Lord opens the door for Wisdom, life, goodness of God, lack-free life, protection and all of God's Blessings. We need to develop this trait deliberately. God will honor those who honor Him. Where do we start? Start with your words. The first instruction on how to fear God is "Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from

speaking guile”. In my walk with God, when Holy Ghost started teaching me this part of fearing God, I struggled. It was difficult. God has given me a gift to speak, this is what I do, I used to speak a lot. Before getting saved, I had quite a mouth on me. Those days, my words were contrary to the Word in abundance. First, I needed to pray and ask God for help a lot and I still do. Second, I had to reduce my talkativeness. You don't sin as much when you don't open your mouth to blabber all the time. This particular verse was very real to me, “***In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise.***” – Proverbs 10:19. I applied this verse to my life, I cut down on my speaking and learned to think before speaking. It helped me big time. “***The heart of the righteous studieth to answer:*** but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things”.

Over a period of time, with God's grace and renewing my mind with the Word, I took control of my words. This change in me has been the foundation to a lot of the other things God has done both in and for me. I encourage you to bring your words in subjection to God's Word. As you do, you will enter into higher realms of glory in every aspect of your life. Your faith and prayer life will become stronger and stronger. Every effort you take in this direction is totally worth it.

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