

## The Secrets of Fearing the Lord

Each of us has a fundamental desire for a healthy, prosperous and safe life. God already has that life in store for us. However, we must confide in Him to release it to us. That confidence resides only inside the “Fear of the Lord.” Accordingly, it is vital that we understand exactly what the “fear of the Lord” is.

### The Fear of the Lord

*Proverbs 14:26* declares, “In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.” Notice that “confidence” and the “fear of the Lord” are connected. Jesus Christ’s death on Calvary’s cross assured us of the opportunity to enjoy an Abundant Life. However, we enjoy the life only as we maintain confidence in Him to release it to us. The more we demonstrate our fear of the Lord, the stronger our confidence becomes. We must maintain that confidence because God is a rewarder and confidence is what He rewards. (*Hebrews 10:35*)

Exactly what is the Fear of the Lord? It is to hate all evil, just as God does. (*Proverbs 8:13*) Anything that we hate, we move away from. More specifically, it is a reverence for God, which is taught by the Holy Spirit. (*Psalms 34:11*) It is to have a **respect** for His Holiness. Out of that respect, we do nothing to offend Him. Rather, we daily do those things that are pleasing in His sight. We must identify all evils within us and actively depart from them for confidence.

### Our Heart

Inside our heart dwell four things that God hate: (1) evil thoughts, (2) evil desires, (3) wicked imaginations and (4) wicked ways. These are an abomination to Him. They block Him from releasing His great goodness into our lives.

**Mystery:** When we think a thought in our heart,

our spirit, which is called our “inner man,” walks inside that *thought*. Therefore, we must depart, or walk away from all evil thinking and deliberately walk in God’s good thoughts. (*Proverbs 3:7-8*) The Holy Spirit works inside our heart with **truth** and sanctifies or cleanses it from all evil. (*St. John 17:17*)

**Our Mouth** - Our mouth links to our heart through a channel. Our mind processes and **feeds** our mouth, through that channel, words to speak. (*St. Matthew 12: 34*) The Holy Spirit, living in our heart, **trains** our mouth to speak God’s words. (*Proverbs 16: 23*) We are to **learn** from the Holy Spirit and be **empowered** by Him. This allows no corrupt communication to proceed out of our mouth. We are to use our words to build others up only, not tear them down by criticizing them. (*Ephesians 4:29*) In doing these things, we demonstrate our fear of the Lord and have confidence in Him blessing our lives.

### Spiritual Benefits

When we understand God, we will rush to depart from evil to good because of His benefits already attached to *fearing* Him. There are several benefits to *fearing* the Lord. Here are three:

- **Health:** We fear the Lord and **depart** from evil to good. The results will be His Divine Health released in our body, which was paid for by the stripes of Jesus. (*1 Peter 2:24*)
- **Wealth:** We are blessed as we fear the Lord and meditate on His Law. Wealth and riches shall be in our houses. (*Psalms 112:1-3*) They will come by the “blessing” which makes us rich. (*Proverbs 10:22*)
- **Safety:** God’s strong Angels encamp around those who fear Him and deliverers them from all harm. (*Psalms 34:7*)