

FEAR THE LORD ABOVE ALL ELSE

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Motives are Important

1 Corinthians 4:5

Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light **the hidden things** of darkness, and will **make manifest the counsels**[or motives, NET] **of the hearts** : and then shall every man have praise of God.

god shall judge our secrets

Romans 2:16

In the day when **God shall judge the secrets of men** by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

The highest motivation in life

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God**, and **keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.** 14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with **every secret thing**, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil.

Jesus commands us to fear him

Luke 12:4-5

4 And I [Jesus Christ] say unto you **my friends**

[?his disciples,? v.1], Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

5 But **I will forewarn you** whom ye shall fear: **Fear him**, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell [*gehenna*]; yea, I say unto you, **Fear him.**

What about the motive of love?

John 14:15,21,24

15 **If ye love me**[Jesus Christ], **keep my commandments.**

21 He that hath [esteems or regards] my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me?

24 **He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings**

[no fear of God]: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

Fearing god is keeping his commandments

Deuteronomy 13:4

Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and **fear him**, and **keep his commandments** , and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

perfect love casts out fear

1 John 4:18

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

What is perfect love?

1 John 2:5

But **whoso keepeth his word**, in him verily is **the love of God perfected**

[perfecting holiness in the fear of God,? 2Cor.7:1]: hereby know we that we are in him.

Boldness in the day of judgment

1 John 4:17

17 Herein is our **love made perfect**[the fear of God], **that we may have boldness in the day of judgment**

: because as he is, so are we in this world.

If you do evil be afraid

Romans 13:4

For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But **if thou do that which is evil, be afraid**

; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to *execute*

wrath upon him that doeth evil.

perfect love casts out Fear of shame

1 John 2:28

And now, little children, **abide in him**

[by keeping his word, perfected love, v.5]; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and

not be ashamed before him at his coming [in his presence].

the fear of the lord is foundational

Proverbs 9:10

The **fear** of the LORD is **the beginning** of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding.

The fear of the lord is taught

Psalms 34:11

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: **I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

How?

Deuteronomy 4:10

Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and **I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me**

all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.

Proverbs 2:1-5

My son, if thou wilt **receive my words**, and **hide my commandments with thee**; 2 So that thou **incline thine ear unto wisdom**, and **apply thine heart to understanding**; 3 Yea, if thou **criest after knowledge**

, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; 4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; 5

Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

Fear him for the great things he as done for you

1 Samuel 12:24

Only **fear the LORD**, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for **consider how great things he hath done for you**

Be afraid of his judgments

Psalm 119:120

My flesh trembleth for **fear** of thee; and **I am afraid of thy judgments.**

Fearing people leads us to disobeying God

1 Samuel 15:24

And Saul said unto Samuel, **I have sinned**: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: **because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.**

Satan talked eve out fearing god

Genesis 3:4

And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die**:

The fear of God keeps us from sinning

Exodus 20:20

And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and **that this fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.**

Fear motivates one to depart from evil

Proverbs 16:6

By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and **by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.**

God's mercy is toward them that fear him

Psalm 103:11

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

God's eye is on them that fear him

Psalm 33:18

Behold, **the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him**, upon them that hope in his mercy;

the lord dwells with them that fear Him

Psalm 34:7

The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that **fear him**, and delivereth them.

The lord is pleased with them that fear him

Psalm 147:11

The LORD taketh **pleasure in them that fear him**, in those that hope in his mercy.

the early church walked in the fear of the lord

Acts 9:31

Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and **walking in the fear of the Lord**, and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, were multiplied.

Let us have Grace with godly fear

Hebrews 12:28

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, **let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:**