

FEAR OF GOD—PART 2

How the fear of God can be manifested in our lives, our families, and in our church.

- I. Hate evil and sin. (Proverbs 8:13)
 - A. Desire to deal with sin.
 1. Daily confess sin, be cleansed, and experience forgiveness—the Lord’s Prayer.
 2. Deal with sin in others’ lives so as to restore them to fellowship and the light.
 3. Increasingly discern the “gray” areas, along with being unwilling to subtly compromise.
 - B. Commitment to deal with conflict and with lack of peace and harmony. God demands peace and unity. There are serious consequences to our unwillingness to accept less than what God demands.
- II. Obey the one-another commands—for example: “Confess sins to one another”; “Admonish one another”; “If someone is caught in any sin, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness.”
- III. Increasing God-consciousness—pray without ceasing. (I Thessalonians 5:17)
We need corrective lenses and a hearing aid.
- IV. Growing concern for holiness and righteousness. READ II Corinthians 7:1,
“Therefore having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of body and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”
- V. Growing dependence upon God. (John 15:5)
 - A. Belief that “apart from Christ, we can do nothing!”
 - B. Seek God for His wisdom, guidance, direction, secrets, thoughts, ways, perspective.
 - C. Submitting ourselves to Him—“theocracy,” not democracy.
 - D. Maintain His headship.
- VI. Increasing desire and motivation to please God, in contrast to always attempting to please ourselves. (I Thessalonians 4:1)
- VII. Keep His commandments. (Proverbs 14:2)

Key Question: How is the fear of God consistently being manifested in your life?