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THE PRIME DIRECTIVE

PROVERBS 1:7

#GETSMART



REMNANTCHURCH

prime directive(Noun)

An order or mission which presents the overriding control over a course of action.



Proverbs 1:7
The fear of the
LORD is the
beginning of
knowledge; fools
despise wisdom and
instruction.



This verse has universal recognition as the key statement in all the wisdom literature of the Bible and would be considered the thesis statement of the entire book of Proverbs.



The “fear of the Lord” is the Christian’s “Prime Directive”... it is the controlling principle, the foundation, on which one builds wisdom into your life along with a right relationship with God.



IFEAR

] [yir'ah /yir·aw/] "fear"

1 fear, terror, fearing, terror.

1B awesome or terrifying thing (object causing fear).

1C fear (of God), respect, reverence,

1D revered.



]“Fear” includes not only a correct way of thinking about God but a correct relationship with God.

It is an affectionate reverence that results in humbly bowing to the Father’s will. It is a desire to please Him because we know the penalty of sin can be so awful and His love is so awesome.



■ KNOWLEDGE

] da'ath /dah·ath/]

1A knowledge, perception, skill.

1B discernment, understanding,
wisdom.

"know" six times, "cunning" once,



]“Knowledge” is a relationship that depends on revelation and is inseparable from character. Many have acquired much information without a “fear of the Lord”, but true knowledge rests on a relationship with God that His word and interactions (revelation) support.



What does the “fear of the Lord” look like?

How do we judge where we are at with God and “the fear of the Lord”?



1. The “fear of the Lord” looks like “obedience”.

■ Understand the level of your obedience matters

Ecclesiastes 12:12

And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

John 14:15

If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

John 14:21

Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." (know Him more)



Getting the “fear of the Lord” right, understands that God’s principles don’t bend to fit our own narrative.

We are not “special”



Proverbs 29:23

A man's pride will bring him low, But the humble in spirit will retain honor.

Psalms 138:6

Though the Lord is on high, yet he regards the lowly; but the proud He knows from afar



Proverbs 29:1
He who is often rebuked,
and hardens his neck,
Will suddenly be
destroyed, and that
without remedy.



You will be able to tell where you are at in the “fear of the Lord” by your obedience to what God has revealed to you and the way you receive ~~correction~~ challenge or do community.



2. The “fear of the Lord” vs. “the fear of man”.

Hebrews 11:7

7 By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.



Proverbs 29:25
The fear of man
brings a snare. But
whoever trusts in the
LORD shall be safe.



For over a hundred years Noah was laughed at, mocked, and ridiculed for being obedient to what God told him to do. He feared God instead of man. He trusted God with his unseen future over what he currently saw and was experiencing.



You will be able to tell where you are at in the “fear of the Lord” when you can consistently operate where God has instructed and is leading, regardless of your present circumstances



3. The “fear of the Lord” let’s God define who you are .

Understand the world is always trying to define who you are.

Proverbs 11:4

**Riches do not profit in the day of
wrath. But righteousness delivers
from death.**



1 John 2:15 Do Not Love the World

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.



One of the highest forms of courage in the Kingdom or coming into the "fear of the Lord", is to let God be the one who defines your reality and who you really are.



You will be able to tell where you are at in the “fear of the Lord” when your greatest satisfaction is just being with Him and enjoying the benefits of being one of His kids.



4. The “fear of the Lord” presses you to know Him .

Understand who God says He is and who you are to Him.

John 17:22-23

The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that he helps,



Hebrews 2:14-18

but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.



Luke 15:17

“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger!’

Luke 15:21-24

And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’”



Luke 15:21-24

And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.



The Bible and our own personal experiences give many parables, accounts, and knowledge that are given to us to portray God's truest nature and heart towards us, yet so often we have difficulty actually living there.



You will be able to tell where you are in the "fear of the Lord" when you are able to relate to God in the way He says He relates to you and you have the courage to live there.



