

OVERCOMING FEAR

(PART 2)

The One Fear That is Necessary

Proverbs 9:10-11; Matt. 10:24-33 By Pastor David Smith August 1, 2010

One fear is necessary in life and that is the fear of God that results in faith that overcomes all other fears.

*** We must discover the fear that results in faith and transformation.**

1. Develop a healthy _____ of _____.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. For through me your days will be many, and years will be added to your life. Proverbs 9:10-11

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Matthew 10:28

2. Fear of _____ overcomes our fear of _____.

The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1

"A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the student to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebub, how much more the members of his household! So do not be afraid of them. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known." Matthew 10:24-27

3. The fear of God changes us into _____ and _____ people.

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Matthew 10:29-31

"Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven." Matthew 10:32-33

The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion. Proverbs 28:1

Find faith through healthy fear . . .

1. There is a healthy fear of God that results in reverence, wisdom, and obedient service to God. There is also an unhealthy fear of God that is the result of unresolved guilt. Which kind of fear do you have when it comes to God?
2. There are two practical things we can do to develop a healthy fear of God and defeat unhealthy fears: A) Immerse ourselves in the great stories of the Bible that showcase God's power and love; B) Get deeply involved with other believers that are seeking to know God and to glorify Him in their lives.
3. How do you need to trust God for greater confidence and boldness to speak up for Christ?

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