

## Design: Has a Healthy Fear of God

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|    | Spiritual   | Experiential  | Relational  | Instructional  |
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| 1  | Meditate on Proverbs 1:7; Matthew 10:28; 2 Corinthians 5:9-11; Philippians 2:12-13. Memorize two or three of these verses.  | Practice a healthy fear of God in different contexts. Refuse the temptation to do things that would not please God.   | Find a role model, a person of godly reputation to learn from and be accountable to. Ask this person for guidance and pray together regularly.              | Study Proverbs 1:7; Matthew 10:28; 2<br>Corinthians 5:9-11; Philippians 2:12-13.   |
| 2  | Pray that God will reveal to you the true and appropriate fear of the Lord.   | Examine yourself regularly in the light of God's Word. Practice the fear of God in relation to your integrity.  | Ask some mature Christians you know to share about how the fear of the Lord helped guide them in their walk.  | Study the connection between the fear of the Lord and wisdom. Compare OT and NT findings.  |
| 3  | Pray through Psalm 51.  | Keep a weekly journal with a checklist of things that you do that demonstrate a lack of fear of God. Confess these to Him and ask Him how to improve.               |   | Study the difference between healthy fear of God and unhealthy fear of God. Write out some contrasts and thoughts.                   |
| 4  | Pray through Ecclesiastes 8:12-13; 12:13-14.  | Evaluate yourself: Would you do the same things you do in private out in public? Why or why not?  | Discuss in your small group how the fear of the Lord leads to wisdom. What does this look like in the lives of your group members?                          | Go through the Gospels and find evidence of the fear of the Lord in Jesus in His ministry (Isaiah 11:1-3).                           |
|    | Meditate on Isaiah 33:5-6 and write your thoughts in your journal.  | Think about places you need reminders that God is everywhere and sees all things. Post a verse (like Proverbs 15:3; Job 34:21) in those places as a reminder.       | Visit or call an estranged family member in obedience to the command to love one another. Consider the fear of the Lord as you take this step of obedience. | Prepare a teaching on the fear of the Lord. Be sure to address relevant issues and misconceptions.                                   |
| 6  | Pray for understanding and insight into<br>the relationship between the love of God<br>and the fear of the Lord.  | In a decision or situation you are facing right now, apply the fear of the Lord as a guide to your course of action.  | Ask a friend to be an accountability person for you in an area that you struggle in.  | Study Scriptures that talk about the fear of God as opposed to the fear of man.  |
| 7  | Reflect on your current view of the fear of the Lord and ask God to reveal any sin that your lack of fear has led you into. Confess, receive God's grace, and repent. Allow the Holy Spirit to bring healing. | Share the Gospel with someone you know, including the concept of the fear of the Lord along with the love of the Lord.  |   | Find and read books or articles on healthy fear of the Lord (ask a spiritual leader for suggestions).                                |
| 8  | Prayerfully journal incidents in your<br>journey when the fear of the Lord kept<br>you from sin. Thank God for these.   | In your weekly worship meeting, remember<br>the holiness of God as you worship. Let the<br>knowledge of His "other-than-ness" move<br>you to love and gratefulness. |   | Listen to sermons, teachings, or podcasts about the fear of the Lord.  |
| 9  | Practice coming to God on your knees at times, to reflect your deep reverence for Him.  |   |   | Study Bible characters who demonstrate fear of God, or positive examples of godly people. How did they do it? What were the results? |
| 10 | Fast once a week, focusing in those times on asking God to develop a healthy fear of God in you.  |   |   | Study negative examples in the Bible regarding the fear of God and what the result was (such as Acts 5:1-5).                         |
| 11 | Worship God with songs about His holiness and awesome power.  |   |   | Study the role of holiness in the plan of salvation. How does this lead to the healthy fear of God?                                  |
| 12 |   |   |   | Read To Enjoy Him Forever by Malcolm Webber.   |
| 13 |   |   |   | Listen to audio teachings on Spiritual Life by Malcolm Webber – at least one per week.   |

