



## The Role that Fear plays in our Faith- Part 3

Just as confidence plays a key role in your success as a professional basketball player, so does proper fear of God play a role in us winning in the Christian life. The Bible says, “Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who delights greatly in His commandments...” (Psalm 112:1-3).

Let’s look at five characteristics of Godly fear in the Bible.

### 1. The Fear of God is a gift from Him

Paul wrote to the Philippian Christians admonishing them to “work out your own salvation with **fear and trembling**; for it is God that works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure” (Phil. 2:12-13). Genuine fear of God accompanies real conversion and comes from yielding to Him and receiving His Spirit.

### 2. The Fear of God Produces Godly Humility

Hebrews 11:7 says, “By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, **moved with godly fear**, prepared an ark for the saving of his household...” We’ve been warned that judgement is coming so we must move with Godly fear to prepare for the Lord’s return!

### 3. The Fear of God Instills Obedience

II Corinthians 5:9-11 says, “Knowing therefore the terror or fear of the Lord, we persuade men”... The fear of God creates a deep desire to obey and please Him above all things.

### 4. The Fear of God develops Godly Courage

In Psalm 27:1-2 David said, “The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” The Apostles, when threatened with death for preaching said, “We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29).

### 5. The Fear of God Helps us Avoid Sin

Paul wrote in II Corinthians 7:1, “Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” We should strive for and never lose that godly fear that causes us to flee from sin and its deadly consequences!

To conclude, have confidence in yourself, (**humble self-assurance**) as a player and confidence in God as a worshipper of Him along with a healthy respect for Him rooted in Godly fear. If you do, you will be blessed and experience God’s peace and favor forevermore. Shalom!

