

## **Psalm 128:1-4 NIV**

<sup>1</sup>Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in obedience to him. <sup>2</sup>You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. <sup>3</sup>Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. <sup>4</sup>Yes, this will be the blessing for the man who fears the Lord.

## **Romans 3:18 NIV**

There is no fear of God before their eyes.

## **Rewards of Fearing God**

### **1. Wisdom and knowledge**

#### **Proverbs 9:9-12 NLT**

<sup>9</sup>Instruct the wise, and they will be even wiser. Teach the righteous, and they will learn even more. <sup>10</sup>Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment. <sup>11</sup>Wisdom will multiply your days and add years to your life. <sup>12</sup>If you become wise, you will be the one to benefit. If you scorn wisdom, you will be the one to suffer.

### **2. True joy and satisfaction**

#### **Proverbs 22:4 NLT**

True humility and fear of the Lord lead to riches, honor, and long life.

#### **Proverbs 10:27 NLT**

Fear of the Lord lengthens one's life, but the years of the wicked are cut short.

### **3. A solid foundation**

#### **Proverbs 14:26-27 NLT**

<sup>26</sup>Those who fear the Lord are secure; he will be a refuge for their children. <sup>27</sup>Fear of the Lord is a life-giving fountain; it offers escape from the snares of death.

### **4. Divine direction and assurance**

#### **Psalm 25:12-14 NLT**

<sup>12</sup>Who are those who fear the Lord? He will show them the path they should choose. <sup>13</sup>They will live in prosperity, and their children will inherit the land. <sup>14</sup>The Lord is a friend to those who fear him. He teaches them his covenant.

### **5. Leads you to obedience and avoiding evil**

## **Proverbs 16:6 NLT**

Unfailing love and faithfulness make atonement for sin. By fearing the Lord, people avoid evil.

## **Proverbs 3:7 NIV**

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.

## **Genesis 39:7-9 NLT**

<sup>7</sup>and Potiphar's wife soon began to look at him lustfully. "Come and sleep with me," she demanded. <sup>8</sup>But Joseph refused. "Look," he told her, "my master trusts me with everything in his entire household. <sup>9</sup>No one here has more authority than I do. He has held back nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How could I do such a wicked thing? It would be a great sin against God."

## **What does it look like to fear God?**

### **1. We recognize who He is.**

#### **Revelation 1:12-18 NLT**

<sup>12</sup>When I turned to see who was speaking to me, I saw seven gold lampstands. <sup>13</sup>And standing in the middle of the lampstands was someone like the Son of Man. He was wearing a long robe with a gold sash across his chest. <sup>14</sup>His head and his hair were white like wool, as white as snow. And his eyes were like flames of fire. <sup>15</sup>His feet were like polished bronze refined in a furnace, and his voice thundered like mighty ocean waves. <sup>16</sup>He held seven stars in his right hand, and a sharp two-edged sword came from his mouth. And his face was like the sun in all its brilliance. <sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as if I were dead. But he laid his right hand on me and said, "Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup>I am the living one. I died, but look—I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave.

### **2. We respect His Word.**

#### **Psalms 119:20 ESV**

My flesh trembles for fear of you, and I am afraid of your judgments.

### **3. We fear the consequences and heed His warnings.**

#### **Galatians 6:7-8 NIV**

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. <sup>8</sup>Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

#### **Matthew 10:28 NLT**

Don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

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