

Be Wise About Your Fear

“Fear of the Lord” in Proverbs

Proverbs 15:16
Proverbs 19:23
Proverbs 22:4
Acts 9:31
Colossians 3:22

What is “the fear of the Lord”?

Isaiah 8:13
Proverbs 14:26
Proverbs 23:17

1) Misplaced Fear is _____

Proverbs 14:2 » Whoever walks in uprightness fears the Lord, but he who is devious in his ways despises him.

cf., Proverbs 3:32

Proverbs 28:14 » Blessed is the one who fears the Lord always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

Proverbs 10:27 » The fear of the Lord prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be short.

2) Fearing God _____ you

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

Proverbs 9:10 » The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Proverbs 8:13 » The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.

Proverbs 16:6 » By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the Lord one turns away from evil.

Proverbs 19:23 » The fear of the Lord leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm.

Proverbs 15:16 » Better is a little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble with it.

3) Fearing God brings lasting _____

Proverbs 22:4 » The reward for humility and fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life.

Proverbs 31:30 » Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Proverbs 28:14 » Blessed is the one who fears the Lord always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

Proverbs 14:26-27 » In the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge. ²⁷ The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death.

There is only one who is worthy of your fear

Matthew 10:28 » Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Psalms 130:4 » But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

2 Corinthians 5:11 » Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others.