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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

Fear Of The Lord

The bible teaches us to be obedient . Why? God said so. Can you imagine people responding back by saying "no, I need to know why". Don't just tell me God said so! God doesn't owe anyone an explanation! If God owes us anything it would be death.. So why should we just listen and do what He says? He is our Heavenly Father and we must show that **respect** to the highest level. Some of us talk back, criticize, and undermined the elder generation, our teachers, church family and in most cases, God too! When we see people conducting themselves in this behavior it simply means that they don't "fear God". There are other behaviors that demonstrate that people don't "fear God" as well.

We as a people of God must get back to the basics. It all starts with "fearing God". One of God's requirements is to fear Him (that is to respect and reverence Him). *It's in the Bible, Deuteronomy 10:12-13, NIV.* "And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?"

To fear God is not the act of walking around with a spirit of trepidation. The fear of God, which includes being concerned of His discipline towards His children, is acknowledging Him for the greatness of His person and the glory of His position. For our Heavenly Father is just, He is perfect and He is Holy! For the bible says in [Revelation 4:8b](#), "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." God is not one of our boys or girlfriends that we know on the streets! He doesn't even teach us to handle each other in such fashion. So give Him the respect that He truly deserves. This means to listen to Him and do things His way. He reminds us in [Proverbs 9:10](#), NIV. "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." God teaches those who fear Him. *It's in the Bible, Psalm 25:12, TLB.* "Where is the man who fears the Lord? God will teach him how to choose the best."

Stop depending on people to deliver you from that stronghold (whatever it may be). Honor God and watch a change take place in your life! How often we complicate faith with man made rules, requirements and regulations. Are you frustrated and burned out from trying hard to please God? Are you really trying to please Him? Concentrate on His real requirements and find peace. Reverence, follow, love, serve and be obedient. Notice the word reverence was first. Why is that? We the people of God must realize who we are dealing with.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READING

PROVERBS 14:26-27

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Perfect Christians do not exist, but obedient Christians do

