Living Godly Lives in 2021
(Part 1)

1 Timothy 4:7 (ESV) Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness;

3 essential elements for living Godly lives
1. Fearing God
2. An Understanding of God’s Love for His children
3. A Great Desire for God.

1. Fearing God

“The fear of God is the soul of godliness.” – John Murray

Jeremiah 32:38-41 (ESV) 38 And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. 39 I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. 40 I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me. 41 I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul.

Acts 9:31 (ESV) So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

Isaiah 11:3 (ESV) And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD…

The Bible uses the term “fear of God” in 2 distinct ways: that of anxious dread, and that of admiration, reverence, and awe.

Romans 3:18 (ESV) “There is no fear of God before their eyes”

Philippians 2:12 (ESV) Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

1 Peter 1:17 (ESV) And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,

It is impossible to be devoted to God if one’s heart is not filled with the fear of God.

Psalms 34:8-11 (ESV) 8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! 9 Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! 10 The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. 11 Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Proverbs 2:1-5 (ESV) My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

How do we learn how to fear God?

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1. God – The most profound word in the human language
2. God is – The most profound fact in all human knowledge
3. God is here – The most profound experience is this recognition.

Matthew 10: 28 (ESV) And 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.

Revelation 15:3-4 (ESV) And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, “Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations! Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

The Reverend Albert N. Martin said that the essential ingredients of the fear of God are:

(1) Correct concepts of the character of God
(2) A pervasive sense of the presence of God
(3) A constant awareness of our obligation to God

Deuteronomy 6:2 (ESV) that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son’s son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long.