**The Benefits of**

**Fearing God**

**Good fear:** A. Reverential Awe of God; give reverence for His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and power; B.It is having respect for His anger and wrath. C. Acknowledging God for who He is, meaning His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**#1 Fearing God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to wisdom and understanding**…. Psalm 111:9-10

This is where we all must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ if we are to grow spiritually in the knowledge of God. Is it possible to be wise without having a clear understanding of what God expects from us? Proverbs 14:16

Can you think of a time in your life when you tried to do something outside of God’s good will for your life? What was the result? How did it work out for you?

**#2 Fearing God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_our Spirit**… Psalm 112:1

In this life we will experience moments of doubt, discouragement and disappointment. However, when we fear God, acknowledge and respect Him in the midst of our dark hours He hears and strengthens us. 2 Corinthians 12:8-10

Can you recall a time when you boasted about how God lifted your Spirit when you were down?

**#3 Fearing God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_our grip on earthly matters**… Matthew 10:26-31

Not only will we experience moments that damper our spirits, but as Christians there will also be times when our very lives are threatened for taking a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for righteousness. In these instances we must be careful of allowing the fear of man to tempt us to fold under pressure.

Remember\* Man has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ power but God has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ power

Is there something in your life you are afraid of loosing more than living for God? Luke 12:8-12; Colossians 3:2

**#4 Fearing God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_our life after Jesus Christ**… Isaiah 11:1-3

The Bible is full of people who feared God, (Abraham, Joseph, Noah, Moses, Jacob, David, Nehemiah, Daniel, the disciples, Paul, etc.)but out of them all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is our best example to follow.

If all these people and Jesus Himself thought it important to fear God why are we hesitant to do the same? Luke 22:41-42; Philippians 2:5-8; Hebrews 5:7