

THE 5/20 PROJECT

For God so Loved He Gave...



Kingdom Principle 156

The 5/20 Project and identity-based discipleship.

“Fear God” never meant “be afraid of God.”

It means **“live awake to who He really is.”**

Below is a **scriptural outline** that shows what it truly means.

“Fear God” — A Scriptural Outline

1. What the phrase actually means

Hebrew: *Yirah*

It means **awe, reverence, deep awareness, holy trembling, weightiness** — not terror.

It is the feeling you get when:

- You see something overwhelmingly beautiful
- You realize something is far greater than you
- You suddenly know “This matters eternally”

Proverbs 9:10

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.”

Fear is not the beginning of panic — it is the beginning of **clarity**.

2. Fear God = Recognize ultimate authority

To “fear God” means:

“I no longer live as if I am the center of reality.”

Ecclesiastes 12:13

“Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.”

Fear is **alignment**.

It is choosing **His reality over mine**.

3. Fear God frees us from every other fear

This is one of Scripture's greatest paradoxes.

Proverbs 29:25

"The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe."

When I fear God:

- I don't fear rejection
 - I don't fear people
 - I don't fear losing status
 - I don't fear not being enough
- Only one fear remains — losing alignment with Him.**

4. Fear God is connected to intimacy, not distance

This is where religion gets it wrong.

Psalm 25:14

"The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him."

God shares His **secrets** with those who fear Him.
Fear produces **closeness**, not separation.

5. Fear God means taking His love seriously

Fear God does NOT mean:

"I'm scared God will punish me."

It means:

"I know God loves me too much to let me live small."

Hebrews 12:6

"The Lord disciplines the one He loves."

When you fear God, you no longer use grace as permission to stay broken.

6. Jesus reframed fear

Jesus removed terror from God — but not reverence.

Matthew 10:28

"Do not fear those who kill the body... rather fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell."

Jesus was not threatening.

He was saying:

"Nothing matters more than your connection to God."

7. Fear God produces courage

This is why fear of God is so important to your **street-level Kingdom mission**.

Acts 9:31

“The church... walking in the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Spirit, multiplied.”

Notice:

- Fear of God
- Comfort of the Spirit
- Growth

When we fear God, we stop fearing people — and we start loving them boldly.

What “Fear God” really means in one sentence

To fear God is to live so aware of His love, holiness, and authority that nothing else gets to define you.

That’s why fear, guilt, and shame collapse when people truly fear God.

Because:

You cannot be terrified of love when you finally know who He is.

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