



Who do you fear ?

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FEAR - good or bad?

⌚ **Definition :**

- “to be so concerned about what someone might think or do or say that you allow it to affect your behaviour”

⌚ **Sources of power :**

- reward
- coercion
- legitimacy
- reference
- expertise



Fear of man ?

Ω Peer pressure, social norms, standards ...

- **CONFORMING** (see Romans 12:2)

Ω Good or bad ? Valid or invalid ?

Ω Advice from :

- **Jesus** Matthew 10:26-28, Luke 12:4-5
- **Peter** I Peter 3:14-15a
- **Paul** Colossians 3:22
- **Solomon** Proverbs 29:25



Fear of God ?

Ω Based on who he is

- **IS GOD SAFE ?**

Ω Why is it right to fear God ?

- He is fearful !
- He rightly exercises all sources of power
- It's good for you

Results of fearing God (see Proverbs)

∩ 1:7	knowledge
∩ 3:7-8	repentance
∩ 8:13	holiness
∩ 9:10	wisdom
∩ 10:27	long life
∩ 14:26	life
∩ 15:16	contentment
∩ 15:33	guidance
∩ 16:6	avoid wrong
∩ 19:23	rest
∩ 22:4	prosperity

Psalm 25:14
friendship with God !!

So what ?

- ∩ **“Fear of man is a trap”**
 - compromise or sin
 - barrier to discipleship and obedience
 - **AVOID IT !!**
- ∩ **“Fear of God is the beginning of ...”**
 - right relationships
 - release into destiny
 - **ACTIVELY SEEK IT !!**