



Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM

7:00 PM

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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Results of Fearing God

Developing a healthy respect for the Lord is essential for every child of God. When we possess a healthy fear of God, there are certain results that will be seen our lives. The Psalmist, in Psalm 128:1-4, records four blessings we can receive from fearing God..

1. *For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands (v. 2a)* - Those who fear God will be able to enjoy the results of their hard work. You may be asking, "How is this a blessing?" When the people of God returned from Babylonian captivity, they did not fear God nor keep His commandments. As a result, they were not blessed when they worked with their hands. Haggai records, "*Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth not wages to put it into bags with holes*" (Haggai 1:6). God can bless those who fear Him and curse those who have no regard for Him.

2. *Happy shalt thou be and it will be well with thee (v. 2b)*. So many in society and even among God's people are trying to find the formula for happiness. When we develop a fear of God, happiness and wellbeing will become a part of our lives. Many are searching for happiness in all the wrong places, and fail to realize that happiness and wellbeing can be granted through having a fearful respect of the Almighty.

3. *Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house (v. 3a)*. When one plants a fruit vine or tree, one would expect for the vine or tree to produce fruit so it can be enjoyed by the grower. When men are fearful of God, it will result in a fruitful wife. She will bring pleasure through her fruitfulness to the one who fears God. Many marital relationships could benefit positively through fearing God.

4. *Thy children like olive plants round about thy table - (v. 3b)*. The one who fears God will also enjoy the benefit of productive children. Just as olive trees provide olives

that are useful for many purposes, so will the children of men who fear God provide useful fruit to their parents.

Having a fear of God will help affect every aspect of our lives. This is why the Psalmist ends by saying, "*Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD*" (Ps. 128:4).

-K.A. Pugh

I have not done so well with my diabetes control the past few months. I usually work hard at my exercising. That helps tremendously. However, I have not been doing that. On the other hand, I am not always so good about eating the proper foods, but in general I do a pretty good job most of the time. However, the holidays are always hard on me. Along with the good, healthy food, it seems that a piece of pie here and there, homemade candies, homemade breads, chocolate chip cookies and other sweets find their way into my eating habits. Admittedly, having the sweets in front of me make it very difficult. My self-discipline does not always kick in as it should. However, there is one sweet that is good for me. It is something we all should partake of regularly.

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Ps 119:103 ESV

Partake of the sweetness of God's word daily. It will not make you fat. It will not raise your blood sugar. But it will sweeten your disposition and your life.

May your week be filled with joy and peace.

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