

## FEAR OF THE LORD (FOL)

### a) Fact of FOL

#### Beginning of knowledge

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,  
But fools despise wisdom and instruction. (Proverbs 1:7)*

#### Beginning of wisdom

*“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.  
(Proverbs 9:10)*

*“I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,  
And find out knowledge and discretion. (Proverbs 8:12)*

#### Fountain of Life

*The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life,  
To turn one away from the snares of death. (Proverbs  
14:27)*

#### Clean and endures forever

*The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The  
decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are  
righteous. (Psalm 19:9)*

### b) How to find FOL

#### Seek, ask, receive word of God

*My son, if you receive my words,  
And treasure my commands within you,  
So that you incline your ear to wisdom,  
And apply your heart to understanding;  
Yes, if you cry out for discernment,*

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*And lift up your voice for understanding,  
If you seek her as silver,  
And search for her as for hidden treasures;  
Then you will understand the fear of the LORD,  
And find the knowledge of God. (Proverbs 2:1-5)*

*Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great  
and mighty things, which you do not know.' (Jeremiah  
33:3)*

*"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find;  
knock, and it will be opened to you. (Matthew 7:7)*

### **c) Rewards of FOL**

#### **Being blessed**

*Praise the LORD!  
Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,  
Who delights greatly in His commandments. (Psalm 112:1)*

#### **Chose to walk in the right path**

*Blessed is the man  
Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,  
Nor stands in the path of sinners,  
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;  
But his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
And in His law he meditates day and night.  
He shall be like a tree  
Planted by the rivers of water,  
That brings forth its fruit in its season,  
Whose leaf also shall not wither;  
And whatever he does shall prosper. (Psalm 1:1-3)*

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### Confidence of life

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To turn one away from the snares of death. (Proverbs  
14:27)*

### Anointing and teaching by the Spirit

*Turn at my rebuke;  
Surely I will pour out my spirit on you;  
I will make my words known to you. (Proverbs 1:23)*

### Safety and security

*But whoever listens to me will dwell safely,  
And will be secure, without fear of evil.” (Proverbs 1:33)*

*Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
And forget not all His benefits:  
Who forgives all your iniquities,  
Who heals all your diseases,  
Who redeems your life from destruction,  
Who crowns you with loving-kindness and tender  
mercies,  
Who satisfies your mouth with good things,  
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. (Psalm  
103:2-5)*

### Abundant life

*The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill,  
and to destroy. I have come that they may have life,  
and that they may have it more abundantly. (John 10:10)*

*But from everlasting to everlasting  
the loving devotion of the LORD  
extends to those who fear Him,*

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*and His righteousness to their children’s children—  
to those who keep His covenant  
and remember to obey His precepts.  
The LORD has established His throne in heaven,  
and His kingdom rules over all. (Psalm 103:17-19)*

**Add humility will attain Wealth, health, and name**  
*Humility is the fear of the LORD; its wages are riches  
and honor and life. (Proverbs 22:4)*

*But seek first the kingdom of God and His  
righteousness, and all these things shall be added to  
you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for  
tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient  
for the day is its own trouble. (Matthew 6:33-34)*

### **d) The penalty of not FOL**

#### **Attitude**

**“Wilderness mentality, do not know who they are”**  
*Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge,  
but he who hates correction is stupid. (Proverbs 12:1)*

*Arrogance leads only to strife,  
but wisdom is with the well-advised. (Proverbs 13:10)*

**No protection rejected God’s defense in an evil time**  
*Because you refused my call,  
and no one took my outstretched hand,  
because you neglected all my counsel,  
and wanted none of my correction,  
in turn I will mock your calamity;  
I will sneer when terror strikes you,*

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*when your dread comes like a storm,  
and your destruction like a whirlwind,  
when distress and anguish overwhelm you. (Proverbs  
1:24-27)*

*No answer from God  
Then they will call on me, but I will not answer;  
they will earnestly seek me, but will not find me.  
(Proverbs 1:28)*

### **Invites destruction**

*For the turning away of the simple will slay them,  
And the complacency of fools will destroy them;  
But whoever listens to me will dwell safely,  
And will be secure, without fear of evil.” (Proverbs 1:32-33)*

### **e) What is doing FOL**

#### **Hate evil**

*I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence,  
and I find knowledge and discretion.  
To fear the LORD is to hate evil;  
I hate arrogant pride, evil conduct, and perverse  
speech.  
(Proverbs 8:12-13)*

#### **Depart from evil**

*By loving devotion and faithfulness iniquity is atoned  
for,  
and by the fear of the LORD one turns aside from evil.  
(Proverbs 16:6)*

#### **Overcome evil**

*They have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony.*

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*And they did not love their lives  
so as to shy away from death. (Revelation 12:11)*

### **Inviting Blessings**

*“Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God:*

*“Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country.*

*“Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.  
(Deuteronomy 28:1-4)*

### **Walking in Favor**

*My son, do not forget my teaching,  
but let your heart keep my commandments;  
for they will add length to your days,  
years and peace to your life.  
Never let loving devotion or faithfulness leave you;  
bind them around your neck,  
write them on the tablet of your heart.  
Then you will find favor and high regard  
in the sight of God and man.  
Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways acknowledge Him,  
and He will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:1-6)*

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### **f) Completion of FOL**

Overcome the world in Christ

*He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. (Revelation 21:7)*

*They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. (Revelation 12:11)*

Free from bondage

*From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been subjected to violence, and violent people have been raiding it. (Matthew 11:12)*

Know the joy of Living sacrifice

*Therefore I urge you, brothers, on account of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, which is your spiritual service of worship (Romans 12:1)*

Attaining Morning Dew life Characters

*Since that time, He waits for His enemies to be made a footstool for His feet, because by a single offering He has made perfect for all time those who are being sanctified. (Hebrews 10:13-14)*