

Excerpt from Chapter 14 of “The Journey to the Renewing of the Mind

I believe the closer you get to God depends on your level of these three characteristics:
Holy fear, humility and obedience for God.

Each of these characteristics produces the other in a perpetual lifestyle which is a key. They will also produce faithfulness, truthfulness and a holy lifestyle. Here is where your closer walk with God comes from; it is when your intimate relationship with God becomes real.

When we willingly obey God’s commandments from the heart, we are humbly submitting to God’s commandments with a Holy Fear of God’s righteousness. Our constant obedience produces faithfulness and expresses Holy Fear.

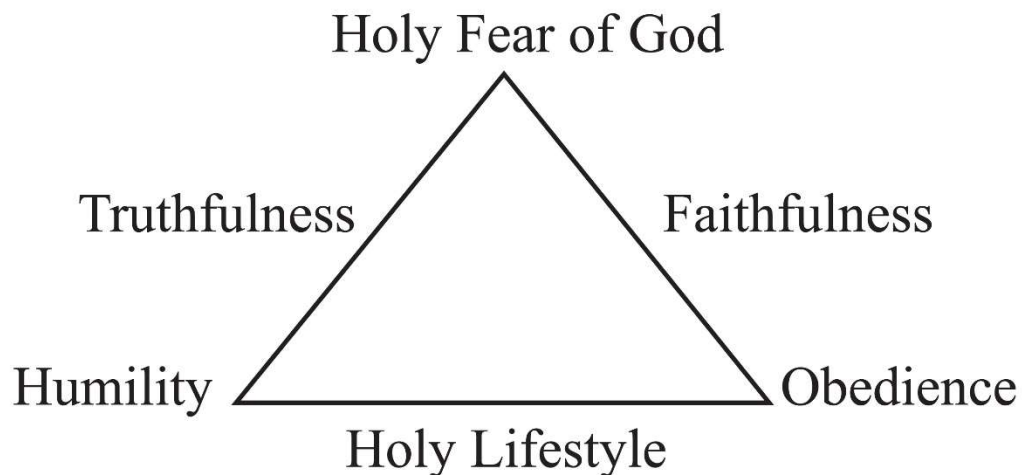


Illustration 5

Our humility towards God produces truthful desires in our actions and in our heart. These produce a holy lifestyle, for we are set apart from the ungodly, irreverent desires of worldliness. We will no longer hold anything common concerning God when we live a holy lifestyle.

Therefore, our Holy Fear of God produces faithful obedience, truthful humility and holiness. They are all interlocked. If we fail in any of these areas, we will feel that we have displeased God and should have a godly sorrow, which leads to repentance. When we repent, we come back into the right relationship with God. This is part of your holy lifestyle. It also shows proof of your renewed mind in Christ and your willingness to be a living sacrifice for God.

David was a man after God's own heart.