

No Fear

A popular sports company used the advertising motto, “No Fear” for many years. It suggested taking risks and going to the limit in our sports pursuit. There’s another kind of fear that people should possess, but many do not... and that’s the fear of the Lord. Here’s something Peter wrote about that...

“And if you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each man’s work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay upon earth.”

1 Peter 1:17

Now a lot of people address God as “Father,” but they don’t want to see Him as a judge. In fact, most folks don’t believe they will be judged by Him, so they have “no fear” of Him or the judgment to come. If we do not have a reverent respect for God and His standard for us, then we will not live in accordance with His standard.

To conduct “yourselves in fear during the time of your stay upon earth” involves a recognition of Who God is and an aligning of our lives in accordance with His will. The reason some do not live like God wants them to... is they have “no fear” toward Him. Why do some Christians not attend all the assemblies? No fear. Why do some Christians refuse to study the Scriptures to see if they are worshiping correctly? No fear. Why do some cheat in business, lie to others, and live like the devil? No fear... no fear... and no fear.

Our stay upon the earth is short and there is no guarantee that we will even be here tomorrow. The wise man will awaken to the reality that he will one day meet his judge, so he makes good use of his time on earth.

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