



ONE MAN, ONE MISSION...

...NO ONE LEFT BEHIND

Men's Bible Fellowship

Grand Terrace, CA

Eight Marks of a Man of God

“But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.”

1 Timothy 6:11 (ESV)

Mark 8 – “What He is Fears the Most!”

Theme: **Priority** (He Knows What Matters Most)

Introduction:

Welcome back to reboot camp!

The final mark of a Man of God we will consider this study session is what a man of God fears the most? What are his priorities? We are constantly being challenged to fear the devil or even to fear other men, but the bible is clear, the man of God must *fear the Lord* the most! This must be his first priority!

Of course *the fear of the Lord* is different than being *afraid* of something. A word often used to describe the fear of the Lord is, reverence! Reverence is defined as, *an awe of, and a respect for God and His Lordship. It is viewing and responding to something as sacred, holy, and consecrated.*

A man of God has AWE for God. He see's God is so awesome, so holy, so perfect, and so worthy of all he is. Worthy of all his obedience, faith, and more! Reverence means we do not want to do anything, or *not* do anything, that would disappoint Him! Someone once defined reverence as: “A wholesome dread of displeasing God.” The fear of the Lord is what persuades us to obey God; knowing God is holy and awesome, and powerful, causes us to submit to him and to do what He desires above all else.

The bible lists many benefits and results of reverencing or fearing God. “*The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom*” (Prov. 9:10) “... *is the beginning of knowledge*” (Prov. 1:7) “...*is to hate evil*” (Prov. 8:3) “...*leads to life.*” (Prov. 19:23) ...etc.

We will consider some of other benefits of the fear of God in this lesson...

Our anchor texts for this study are 1Tim 4:1-11 & 2Tim 1:8-12, read them everyday this week, keeping in mind the value and importance of pleasing God.

Day 1: Priorities P-1



1Tim 4:6-11(ESV) ^{v6} “If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed. ^{v7} Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; ^{v8} for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. ^{v9} The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. ^{v10} For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. ^{v11} Command and teach these things.”

1Tim 4:1-6 Paul discusses the events concerning the last days. In light of these events he now challenges young Timothy how to live and what his priorities should be.

1. Read the entire passage in its context and make list of what Timothy’s priorities should be?
 - a. _____

2. What is it that should motivate Timothy, and us, to do these things?
 - a. _____

3. Make a list of what you consider to be your most important priorities in Life? How does your list compare to what Paul writes to Timothy?
 - a. _____

Today’s prayer: “God, in light of the fact that I am living in the last days, show me and help me to reorder my priorities to match what you desire for me.”

Day 2: Priorities P-2



Anchor verse: **1Tim 4:7-8 (ESV)** ^{v7} “Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness; ^{v8} for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.”

In America, we live in a culture that seems to value physique and physical activity, yet at the same time we are experiencing an unprecedented level of health and obesity issues, especially among children. It seems like we often land at one of two extremes: being overly concerned with our physical bodies, or neglecting them all together under the banner of “bodily training is of some value, but is not as important as training to be godly.” Certainly pursuing godliness should be a priority, but what about our physical bodies?

1. What does Paul mean when he says “train yourself for Godliness”? How do you do that?
 - a. _____

2. What does Paul say about “bodily training”? What value does it have? Give examples.
 - a. _____

3. Paul often uses the metaphor of an athlete to describe the Christian life. (1Cor 9:24-27) How are the two things similar? Why is it important to be disciplined?
 - a. _____

4. Do you believe there is a relationship or parallel between our spiritual life and our physical bodies? Why or why not?
 - a. _____

Today’s prayer: “Lord, help me to get my priorities in order and to discipline myself to Godliness, but at the same time show me how to have a proper balance between the spiritual and the physical”

Day 3: Priorities P-3



Anchor verse: **2 Timothy 1:8-12 (ESV)** ^{v8}“Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ^{v9} who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ^{v10} and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ^{v11} for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ^{v12} which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, **for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me...**”

A Man of God who is committed to following the Lord will suffer, as Jesus suffered. 2 Tim 3:12 says, “Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.” But the man of God endures it joyfully.

1. List as many things about suffering from this passage as you can? What was the causes of Paul’s suffering?
 - a. _____

2. In V12, Paul mentions being “convinced” of something, what was he convinced of and what does he mean by it?

a. _____

3. Can you think of any other verses in the bible that speak the value of suffering in the life of a Christian?

a. _____

4. In what ways have you suffered for being a follower of Jesus? In what ways has it helped you to understand and know Jesus better?

a. _____

Today's Prayer: "Lord, help me to not only accept suffering, and no even just endure it, but to rejoice in it, knowing that I am experiencing what Jesus did and I am walking in His steps"

Day 4: The Fear of The Lord



Anchor verse: **2 Corinthians 5:11-15 (ESV)** ^{v11}"Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ^{v12}We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ^{v13}For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ^{v14}For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ^{v15} and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised..."

Here in 2 Corinthians Paul was defending his ministry against false apostles who were making false accusations against him. They were questioning his motives for doing ministry, but the fact was, they were the one with the wrong motives. In this anchor text, Paul defends and describes the conduct of his ministry.

1. What are the motivating factors in Paul's ministry?

a. _____

2. Paul mentions "persuading others," in what ways can we persuade others? What role does the gospel play in this persuasion? (Rom 1:16-17)

a. _____

3. Paul mentions that to some people, Paul and those he is with, look like they are "beside themselves" what does that mean? How does 1 Corinthians 4:9-10 shed light on this.

a. _____

4. To whom does Paul say you should live for? And what is the basis for doing that? See also 1 Corinthians 6:20

- a. _____

Today's Prayer: "Lord, help me to see that I am no longer my own, I now belong to you, help me to reverence you and help me to love you, that I might persuade others."

Day 5: The Book of Remembrance



Anchor verse: **Malachi 3:14-18** ^{v16}"Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name. ^{v17}"They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ^{v18}Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him."

Malachi has a vision of a book of remembrance. Many believe this book is a record, or an account, of all the righteous deeds we have done as followers of God. Jesus spoke of storing up treasure in heaven, as though making deposits into a bank account. The implication is that what is done on earth is forever recorded in heaven. The book of remembrance is simply a concept God used to encourage His faithful ones that their love and service for Him was appreciated and would not be forgotten

1. What relationship is there between the fear of the Lord, and the book of remembrance?
 - a. _____

2. What promises does God make to those who fear him?
 - a. _____

3. Look up in your bible concordance or search Biblegateway.com, or some other bible software program, for the phrase, the "fear of the Lord." Do you have favorite "Fear of the Lord" verse? or did you learn something you did not know before about the "fear of the Lord?"
 - a. _____

Today's prayer – "Lord, I am so glad to know that You do not forget my work and labor of love that I show towards your name, I pray, please remember my righteous deeds so that You might be glorified now and forever, Amen"

Day 6: How does the Fear of God impact you?



Meditate today on the concept of fearing God, of reverencing him; and of dreading to displease him in anyway. Instead, think of ways you can please God...

1. Make a list of the top 5 ways, you can think of, that you can please God? You may simply want to ask yourself, "What do I think pleases God, and what do I think displeases God?" then make a list.

a. _____

2. Can you support any of the items on your list with a scripture verse? Even if you don't know the reference, write down what it says?

a. _____

3. How can you put two of these "ways of pleasing God" into practice this next week?

a. _____

Today's Prayer: "Lord help me to please you by _____ and by _____ this week, give me the strength and the opportunity to do it"

**** For the week, meditate on this passage.****

1 Timothy 6:11-21 (ESV)

¹¹ *But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.*

¹² *Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

¹³ *I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴ to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords,*

¹⁶ *who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.*