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THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *"There also you and your households shall eat before the Lord your God, and rejoice in all your undertakings in which the Lord your God has blessed you. You shall not do at all what we are doing here today, every man doing whatever is right in his own eyes; for you have not as yet come to the resting place and the inheritance which the Lord your God is giving you. Deut. 12:7-9*

[The Fear of the Lord](#)

For the past few months, the Holy Spirit has been speaking to me about my lack of the fear of the Lord in some areas of my life. More too often than I care to admit, I would find myself in situations where I know that what I would want to say, what I would want to look at, where I would want to go, or what I would want to think, were not God's highest for me, yet I would indulge myself anyway. If I am honest with myself, in these cases I would consider my choices to indulge as rebellion and defiance; definitely a lack of the fear of the Lord. I was willing to sin intentionally without paying any heed to what consequences to my actions I might face, either immediate or far-reaching or cumulative. James 4:17 says, "Therefore, the one who knows the right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin." That's me!

The Institute in Basic Life Principles, www.iblp.org, gives this definition: "The fear of the Lord is an awareness that you are in the presence of a holy, just, and almighty God and that He will hold you accountable for your motives, thoughts, words, and actions. **To fear God is to desire to live in harmony with His righteous standards** and to honor Him in all that you do." As a follower of Jesus, to me this seems reasonable and well-stated. I like this definition because it doesn't suggest that I need to feel terrified of God.

So I turned to the Scriptures and started with the verse everyone knows, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." I found that there is so much more He has to say than that. There are a few places in 2 Chronicles where the passages talk about the people having the fear of the Lord, especially as it related to making sure they completely destroyed their enemies in battle. In 2 Chronicles 19:7, in this instruction to the judges who were appointed in Judah, the text reads, "Now then let the fear of the Lord be upon you; be very careful what you do, for the Lord our God will have no part in unrighteousness, or partiality, or the taking of a

bribe.” Job declares, “And to man He said, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.’” David speaks of the fear of the Lord as something to be taught to our children when he states, “Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord,” in Psalm 34:11. How many of us intentionally invested in our sons and daughters to do that?

The writers of Proverbs tell us much about the fear of the Lord, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.” 1:7 “The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way, and the perverted mouth, I hate.” 8:13 If you wish to live a long life, follow 10:27, which says, “The fear of the Lord prolongs days, but the years of the wicked will be shortened. Often, when wicked is used in the Old Testament, it is defined as an actively bad person. 14:26 says, “In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and His children will have refuge.” For those of us who tend to put our trust in earthly riches, we are told, “Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and turmoil with it. 15:16 “By lovingkindness and truth iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the Lord one keeps away from evil.” 16:6 Additionally, there are great benefits to walking in the fear of the Lord as pointed out in 22:4, which states, “The reward of humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, honor and life.” And as well, we see it is possible to always live in the fear of the Lord as the writer challenges us in, “Do not let your heart envy sinners, but live in the fear of the Lord all the day. And then in Acts 9:31, we have a corporate picture of the blessings offered as Luke writes, “So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and, going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.”

There are many, many more Biblical encouragements to live in the fear of the Lord, but my favorite is the description of the example of Jesus in Isaiah 11:2-3a, “And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. **And He will delight in the fear of the Lord...**” That’s what I want! My heart is to come to the place where I yearn to delight in the fear of the Lord; a place where delighting and living in the fear of the Lord comes as second nature to me; a place that, when I’m tempted to engage in self-government of any kind, my heart and thoughts go directly to delighting in the fear of the Lord, and that be enough to dissuade me from leaving His will. That’s where I want to be!

[Responses From You](#)

From an Abba’s Delight ministry supporter: Thank you, Daniel, for keeping us encouraged with the newsletter and (FaceBook) posts. I especially enjoyed the one recently from Aqueena Smith about suffering, struggles and how much we need to encourage and pray for each other. Happy New Year!

[Upcoming Ministry Meetings](#)

Overcomers Group: Thursday, January 29, 2015; Thursday, February 12, 2015; Thursday, February 26, 2015

Family & Friends Group: Tuesday, February 3, 2015; Tuesday, February 17, 2015

[Ministry Finances](#)

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported the ministry financially in 2014! Although the year-end contributions were down from the previous year, overall giving for the entirety of 2014 was up, and for that we are truly thankful. If you have given to the ministry sporadically in the past, please consider becoming a monthly donor. Any size donations are welcomed and appreciated, and they can be pledged at our website, www.abbasdelight.com or mailed in to the address on the top of the first page of this newsletter. We are grateful for all of your support, and believe Father returns to you blessing upon blessing for your tax-deductible giving.

[Ongoing Prayer Requests](#)

As always, we covet your prayers for our ministry to grow, financial support to increase, to move forward proclaiming freedom to the captives, and that churches would open their doors to Abba's Delight. Please pray for our ministry participants, our Family & Friends Support Groups, our meetings, our conferences, events at which we sponsor and exhibit, our Board of Directors, and most importantly that many lives will be touched by the Holy Spirit to draw closer to Jesus, seeking freedom from their bondage.

Please pray that church leaders and congregations will awaken to the necessity of being Biblically prepared with wisdom and God's love to face head-on the growing numbers of those in our congregations who are being impacted, either directly or indirectly through a loved one, by homosexuality and the ever-increasing acceptance of gay life in our culture.

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Now unto Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24-25