

STEP # 1 - DEVOTION TO PRAYER

1. *You must begin with the heart. The fear of God is developed in the heart before it is ever experienced anywhere else.*

2. *Heart must be united.*

Pro 4:23 **Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.**

Jam 1:8 **he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.**

3. *You can't control your heart on your own. Pray!*

Psa 86:11 **Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.**

STEP #2 - STUDY THE WORD

1. *Hearing and listening are associated with developing the fear of God*

Rom 10:17 *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.*

Deu 4:10 how on the day that you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, the LORD said to me, 'Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may *learn to fear* me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.

2. *The fear of God is produced by teaching and learning.*

Psa 34:11 *Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.*

Deu 31:12 ... they may *hear and learn to fear* the LORD your God, and *be careful* to do all the words of this law...

STEP #3 - MEDITATION ON THE TRUTH

Psa 46:10 *Be still, and know that I am God*

1. Be still and reflect on your own sinfulness, your own unworthiness, your own inadequacy. Attitude, thought, word, reactions etc.

Jer 17:9 **The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick; who can understand
it?**

2. Be still and ponder on God's great salvation.

Heb 2:3 **how shall we escape if we neglect such a
great salvation?**

1Pe 1:17-19 **...knowing that you were
ransomed... the precious blood of Christ,
like that of a lamb without blemish or
spot.**

3. Be still and give God glory and praise.

1Ti 1:16-17 **But I received mercy for this reason,
that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ
might display his perfect patience as an
example to those who were to believe in
him for eternal life. To the King of ages,
immortal, invisible, the only God, be
honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.**

4. Be still and think about God's attributes. (Isaiah 40; Psalm 104-108, 135)

Job 42:1-6 Then Job answered the LORD and said: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you make it known to me.'

I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

5. Be still and reflect on the mighty works of God (Psalm 103-107, 136)

Psa 46:8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

6. Be still and reflect on the judgments of God (Lev. 10:1-3; Joshua 7; Acts 5)

Psa 64:9 Then all mankind fears; they tell what God has brought about and ponder what he has done.

7. Be still and reflect on the blessings of God has brought into your life and into the lives of others (Psalm 40:1-3; 34:1; 57:7; 103:1-3).

Psa 67:7 **God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

Psa 34:2 **My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

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