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**2) The fear of the LORD** is accompanied by **hearing the Word of God**. “And it [God’s law] shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God” (*Deut. 17:19; 4:10; 31:11-13*).

**3) The fear of the LORD** is accompanied by **avoiding evil**. Job “was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed [shunned, turned away from] evil” (*Job 1:1*).

**4) The fear of the LORD** is accompanied by **hating evil**. “The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride and arrogance, and the evil way, and the froward [perverse] mouth, do I hate” (*Prov. 8:13*).

**5) The fear of the LORD** is accompanied by **departing from evil**. If we persist in doing evil, then there is no fear of God governing our life: “Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil” (*Prov. 3:7; 14:16; 16:6; Job 28:28*).

**6) The fear of the LORD** is accompanied by **not sinning**. Fearing God is the greatest antidote to sin. “That His fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not” (*Exodus 20:20*).

**7) The fear of the LORD** is accompanied by **serving God and cleaving to Him**. “Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear Him, and keep His commandments, and obey His voice, and ye shall serve Him and cleave unto Him” (*Deut. 13:4*).

### *Personal Questions to Ponder:*

Am I afraid of displeasing the LORD? Am I afraid of not being right with the LORD? Am I afraid of sinning against a Holy God? Am I afraid of having less than God’s very best? Am I afraid of not hearing God’s “WELL DONE”?

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