

## I believe in God, but I don't fear Him

*"But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power." 2 Timothy 3:1-5*

**PRACTICAL ATHEIST:** someone who \_\_\_\_\_, but lives as if \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Sin whispers to the wicked, deep within their hearts. They have no fear of God to restrain them. In their blind conceit, they cannot see how wicked they really are. " Psalm 36:1-2*

**THE FEAR OF GOD BEGINS BASED ON \_\_\_\_\_**

*"By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him." Psalm 33:6-8*

**THE FEAR OF GOD GROWS BASED ON \_\_\_\_\_**

*"...Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross..." Philipppians 2:5-8*

*"...Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" Philipppians 2:12*

## WHEN YOU TRULY FEAR GOD...

- **YOU'LL GIVE YOURSELF TO HIM WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITHOUT ANY \_\_\_\_\_**

*"Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." Genesis 22:12*

*'If you love Me, keep My commandments." John 14:15*

- **YOU'LL BE FOREVER \_\_\_\_\_**

*See Isaiah 6:1-8*

*"So I said: 'Woe is me, for I am undone [ruined]! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.'" Isaiah 6:5*

### ***ARE YOU LIVING IN THE FEAR OF GOD?***

*"Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours... Thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD."*

Psalm 128:1-4

### **Personal Meditation Questions**

- 1) In what area are you a practical atheist? Be specific.
- 2) How can you develop a more healthy fear of God?
- 3) Read 2 Timothy 3:1-5. Do you see any of these qualities in your daily life? What are you going to do about it?