

“Blessed is everyone that fears the Lord; that walk in his way (Ps. 128:1). The quote goes on to express a blessing. However, I will not finish the quote because there are so many other types of blessings that come from this that a large book would not contain them. When we have a proper understanding of what it means to “fear the Lord”, we will recognize a different type of courage and boldness indwelling, which is quite different from fleshly pride.

We can find ourselves emboldened to do and say what ought to be said without intimidation, yet respectfully, in love and humility, when otherwise, we would be unprepared or would either clam up or burst out. - One extreme or the other.

The peace that comes from a proper fear of God is an awesome and positive type of confidence when dealing within this world. There is no more room for improper fear of humanity, situations, or anything else. Our phobias will lessen and eventually dissolve altogether.

Worldly fear has no place to dwell in a heart and mind that has only the one true master. That one master must never be the self. The self is a terrible tyrant and is abusive to the mind and soul. It wants and wants and takes from you what is most noble and dignified.

Having the one true master will free us from all other masters within our spirit. This is the true Spirit and is true freedom. Money does not provide this type of empowerment. Temporal power will not give it. Pride only intoxicates the senses to fool them into thinking they are free, but eventually if we are fortunate, we will realize such was an illusion. Unfortunately, this awakening usually comes only after a crisis occurs that overpowers us.

Would it not be better to remove the illusions of pride before such navigate us into a broken life? The ‘self’ as our master is utter slavery. What pride calls weak is true strength and what it views as strength is as breakable as clay pigeons when we face that special crises without having a faith that has eternal purpose and gives us true and actual strength.

Seek your strength through Christ and do not pridefully lean to your own abilities to gain peace.