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The Problem:

-We Fear WHAT WE CAN'T CONTROL

Matthew 6:27, *Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?*

-Fear Reveals Our VULNERABILITY

James 4:14, *You do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.*

-Fear Reveals Our SELFISHNESS

James 3:16, *For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.*

The Result:

-Fear KILLS THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Matthew 13:22, *The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the Word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.**

The Christian Response:

-We Must Exchange Our Fear of ANYTHING with A FEAR OF THE LORD

Isaiah 41:10, *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.*

Psalms 96:4, *For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; He is to*

be feared above all gods.

-PRAY to Him

Psalm 34:4, *I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears... Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him. 9 Fear the Lord, you His holy people, for those who fear Him lack nothing.*

Philippians 4:6, *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

-TRUST in Him

Psalm 147:10, *His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor His delight in the legs of the warrior; 11 the Lord delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love.*

-Seek His WISDOM

Psalm 86:11, *Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on Your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear Your Name.*

-REPRESENT Him

Psalm 40:1, *I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry. 2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in Him.*