

# When God is Feared, the Spirit is Free

## Avoid



God fearing people avoid...

- Conscious sin  
(which is actively not fearing the Lord)
- Casual regard for the Lord  
(casual is opposite to reverence)
- Casual regard for God's Word
  - run from it
  - not because of legalism
  - but because of what you're missing out on
- Casual regard for sin in your own life
- Casual regard for worldliness in your life
  - learn to have a conscious allergy to worldliness
- Busyness that keeps you from reflecting
- Habits and idols of the heart that keep you from taking God seriously
  - unhelpful habits might be sinful or just mundane habits that keep you distracted

...with God's help

## Embrace



God fearing people embrace...

- Embrace the gravity and reality of God
  - his character, his works, his holiness
- Embrace a reflective heart and mind
  - not necessarily a changed personality
  - a touch from God will change you for sure
- Embrace daily hunger / yearning for God
- Embrace a taste for the things of God
- Embrace the reality of the bitter taste of idols & wasteful habits
- Embrace God's Word
- Embrace the fear of the Lord
- Embrace thoughtful reflection
- Embrace service to others in Jesus' name
- Embrace clarity and intentionality

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