

A Healthy Fear I Peter 2:17

We live in a fear-filled society.

The communicator can easily identify the headline fears.

I also shared a fear that I struggled with as a young boy. The most needed fear is being diluted in America. No fear of God is a symptom of our fallen nature. Romans 3:18

Healthy Fear Features These Benefits.

- The first step in wisdom. Proverbs 9:10
- A strong motivation in doing the will of God. Hebrews 11:7
- The motto of integrity. II Corinthians 5:11 The communicator needs to study this text and find that Paul is speaking of his own sense of the fear of God that promotes blamelessness.
- The key to influence. Acts 9:31. This indicates the respect or awe in which the church was held.
- The climate of worship. Revelation 1:17 The question that is raised is: "In our congregational worship is there a deep reverence for God being experienced?" A praise song I heard Sunday in the church I attended had God dancing. It seemed that it was a dreamy light way of picturing the Almighty God.

The voice of the preacher to the young, ***here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.*** Ecclesiastes 12:13

[I am assuming the communicator will define this fear as an awesome, respectful and reverent fear as displayed by Jesus (Hebrews 5:7) and his first generation followers (Hebrews 12:28).