

What does it mean to *fear* the Lord? How to become a Christian.

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Sermon Notes

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Many people believe they are Christians because they were born in a Christian culture, go to church regularly, try to do their best, or live a good life. However, the Bible teaches that these things cannot make you a Christian. You become a Christian by simply taking these two steps:

- Acknowledge that you (along with all people) have sinned and fallen short of God's standards. (ROMANS 3:23)
- Personally believe that Jesus Christ, who was God in human flesh, died for your sins on the cross and rose again.
(I CORINTHIANS 15:3, 4)

You may express your belief through prayer, asking Jesus to come into your life, and receiving Him as God's gift to you.
(JOHN 1:12, ROMANS 6:23, REVELATION 3:20)

"For it is by grace you have been saved through faith ...it is the gift of God; not by works, so that no one can boast." EPHESIANS 2:8,9

Actions / Thoughts / Prayers

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Wisdom Personified

☞ Proverbs 31 ☞

- ¹⁰ *A wife of noble character who can find?
She is worth far more than rubies.*
- ¹¹ *Her husband has full confidence in her
and lacks nothing of value.*
- ¹² *She brings him good, not harm,
all the days of her life.*
- ¹³ *She selects wool and flax
and works with eager hands.*
- ¹⁴ *She is like the merchant ships,
bringing her food from afar.*
- ¹⁵ *She gets up while it is still dark;
she provides food for her family
and portions for her servant girls.*
- ¹⁶ *She considers a field and buys it;
out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.*
- ¹⁷ *She sets about her work vigorously;
her arms are strong for her tasks.*
- ¹⁸ *She sees that her trading is profitable,
and her lamp does not go out at night.*

¹⁹ *In her hand she holds the distaff
and grasps the spindle with her fingers.*

²⁰ *She opens her arms to the poor
and extends her hands to the needy.*

²¹ *When it snows, she has no fear for her household;
for all of them are clothed in scarlet.*

²² *She makes coverings for her bed;
she is clothed in fine linen and purple.*

²³ *Her husband is respected at the city gate,
where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.*

²⁴ *She makes linen garments and sells them,
and supplies the merchants with sashes.*

²⁵ *She is clothed with strength and dignity;
she can laugh at the days to come.*

²⁶ *She speaks with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.*

²⁷ *She watches over the affairs of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.*

²⁸ *Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:*

²⁹ *“Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all.”*

³⁰ *Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.*

³¹ *Give her the reward she has earned,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.*

PROVERBS 31:10-31

1. She is _____ for a godly character. (v. 10, 30)
 2. She _____ both her husband and children.
(vs. 11–12; 28-29)
 3. She _____ hard. (vs. 13–19, 27)
 4. She acts and speaks _____. (vs. 20, 26)
 5. She is _____. (vs. 21a, 25b)
 6. She clothes herself and children with _____.
(vs. 21b, 25a)
 7. She _____ her surroundings. (vs. 22, 24)
- The result: Her husband has greater _____ from others.
(v. 23)

A response? Let her _____ and shower her with _____!
(v. 31)