

## ***NURTURING A HEALTHY FEAR OF THE LORD***

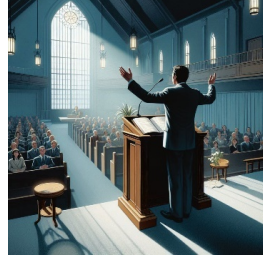
*PRV 1:7; 10:27; 14:2, 26-27; 15:16, 33; 16:6; 19:23; 22:4*

### **INTRODUCTION:**

state of the congregation each week

◦ Healing the brokenness in a person's life begins with a healthy \_\_\_\_\_.

A. What is a "healthy **FEAR OF THE LORD**"? (*PRV 1:7; 9:10-11*)



"Fearing God means having a \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ for Him that greatly impacts the way we live. The fear of God is respecting Him, obeying Him, submitting to His discipline, and worshiping Him in awe." (*GotQuestions.org*)

B. Why is a "healthy **FEAR OF THE LORD**" important to the growth and health of our inner man?

- ① It is \_\_\_\_\_ to a personal knowledge of God.
- ② It \_\_\_\_\_ our steps toward uprightness (*14:2A; PS 111:10*) and away from sin. (*3:7; 14:2B, 27B; 16:6B; 19:23C; JOB 28:28*)
- ③ It offers \_\_\_\_\_ to the next generation. (*14:26B*)
- ④ It instills in us a \_\_\_\_\_ for what God hates. (*8:13*)
- ⑤ It drives us to eagerly \_\_\_\_\_ instruction (*15:33A*)
- ⑥ It helps us appreciate \_\_\_\_\_ correction (*1:7B*)
- ⑦ It enhances the \_\_\_\_\_ of forgiveness (*16:6A*)
- ⑧ It \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ our inner life (*14:27B; 19:23A; 10:27A*)

**BIBLICAL EXAMPLES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSIONS:** C. How do we nurture a healthy **FEAR OF THE LORD**?

A healthy Fear of the LORD is

- grounded in \_\_\_\_\_ (*22:4A; 15:33B*),
- grown in \_\_\_\_\_ (*DT 10:12, 20-21*),
- and expressed in \_\_\_\_\_ . (*HEB 12:28-29; NEH 1:11*)