

Message Series: PRACTICAL ATHEIST

I BELIEVE IN GOD, BUT I DON'T FEAR HIM

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"But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power." 2 Timothy 3:1-5

PRACTICAL ATHEIST: SOMEONE WHO _____ IN GOD, BUT _____ AS IF HE DOESN'T EXIST.

Fearing God means having such a _____ and respect for Him that it causes me to stay away from anything that could offend Him or _____ my relationship with Him.

THE PROBLEM: _____ CHRISTIANITY.

1. SOLUTION: TO _____ HIM AND _____ HIM WHOLEHEARTEDLY

...when all Israel comes to appear before the LORD your God at the place he will choose, you shall read this law before them in their hearing. Assemble the people—men, women and children, and the aliens living in your towns—so they can listen and learn to fear the LORD your God and follow carefully all the words of this law. Deuteronomy 31:11-12

If you love me, you will obey what I command. John 14:15

2. SOLUTION: TO _____ HIM WITHOUT ANY _____.

"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." Genesis 22:12

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. Philippians 2:12-13

QUESTIONS FOR HEART GROUPS:

- 1) Read again 2 Timothy 3:1-5. Do you see any of these behaviors in your daily life? What are you going to do about it?
- 2) Is your level of reverence and respect for God high enough to cause you to stay away from anything contrary to His instructions?
- 3) In what areas of your life is it difficult to fully obey God's instructions? Have you ever put any conditions to serve God?
- 4) What can you do today to increase your fear of the Lord?



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