

Why does my Heavenly Dad want me to fear him?

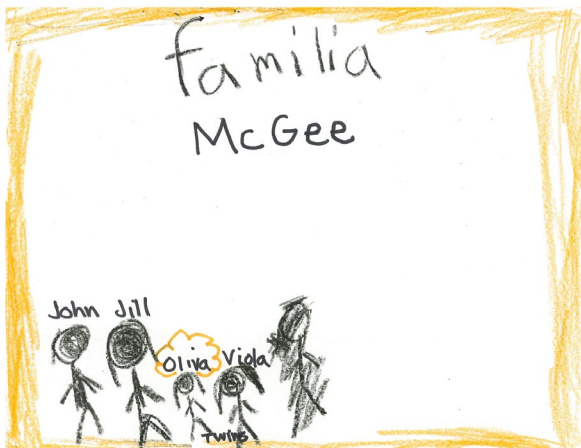
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*May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.  
Psalm 67:7*

*For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all  
gods. Psalm 96:4*

*Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God. 1  
Peter 2:17*

*These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me  
to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to  
possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear  
the Lord your God as long as you live. Deuteronomy 6:1-2*

*The time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a  
son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there  
was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out  
in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. Luke 2:6-8*

*An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone  
around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not  
be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the  
people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the  
Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped  
in cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2:9-12*

**There is no way that you can avoid fear.**

**Who are you going to fear? Man or God?**

**Fear is: to place enough importance on a person or idea so that it influences your behavior.**

**How many regrets do you have in your life because you just wanted to fit in?**

*Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe. Proverbs 29:25*

*In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise— in God I trust and am not afraid. What can man do to me? Psalm 56:10-11*

*Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear me and keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them and their children forever! Deuteronomy 5:29*

*As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him. Psalm 103:13*

*From everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children. Psalm 103:17*

*Praise the Lord. Blessed are those who fear the Lord, who find great delight in his commands. Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever. Psalm 112:1-3*

*The fear of the Lord leads to life; then one rests content, untouched by trouble. Proverbs 19:23*

*They will be my people, and I will be their God. I will give them singleness of heart and action, so that they will always fear me and that all will then go well for them and for their children after them. Jeremiah 32:38-39*

*I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me. I will rejoice in doing them good and will assuredly plant them in this land with all my heart and soul. Jeremiah 32:40-41*

*When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.. Luke 2:15-20*

Exit question

What steps do you need to take to be more concerned with the opinion of God than the opinion of all the other voices in your life?