

Fear that's good! Part 4

Secret of having no needs

*"Fear the LORD, you his godly people,
for those who fear him will have all they need." Psalm 34:9*

What do people spend their lives chasing after?

- More money
- More freedom
- More Respect
- More Sex

What does the Bible say we need?

"Fear the LORD, you his godly people, for those who fear him will have all they need."¹⁰ Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry, but those who trust in the LORD will lack no good thing." Psalm 34:9-10

"Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink—even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk—it's all free!

² Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good?

Listen to me, and you will eat what is good. You will enjoy the finest food.³ "Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life...Seek the Lord while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near." Isaiah 55:1-3 & 6

I. Allow Holy Spirit to give you a new mind-set that brings security and contentment

"For the angel of the Lord is a guard; he surrounds and defends all who fear him." Ps 34:7

"No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned." Ps 34:22b

"Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content." 1 Timothy 6:6

II. Enjoy the freedom that Christ brings

"I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears." Psalm 34:4b

"So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free." John 8:36

III. Celebrate your new Identity

"My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20

IV. Explore an Intimacy which is unlike any other

"The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed." Psalm 34:18

"...just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her²⁶ to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word.²⁷ He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault." Ephesians 5:25-27

"And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.³ I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them."⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

⁵ And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" Revelation 21:2-5

"The Lord is my shepherd; I have all I need." Psalm 23:1