Growing In The Fear Of The LORD (YHWH)
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To fear GOD is to revere Him or, to reverence Him.

Scripture declares that the fear of the LORD is the beginning of Knowledge (Prov 1:7a) and the beginning of Wisdom (Prov 9:10a).

Psalm 103:11-18 declares, that the LORD opens His Heart to those who fear Him:
**11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him.
12 As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.
13 Just as a father has compassion on his children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.
14 For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust.
15 As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.
16 When the wind has passed over it, it is no more, And its place acknowledges it no longer.
17 But the lovingkindness of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children,
18 To those who keep His covenant And remember His precepts to do them.**
What does it mean to fear GOD?
o Deut 6:13 reads: **< "You shall fear only the LORD your God; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name. >**

o Deut 10:12-13 reads: **< "Now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the LORD's commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good? >**

o Deut 10:20 reads: **< "You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him and cling to Him, and you shall swear by His name. >**

o Psalm 115:11 reads: **< You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD .... >**

o 2 Corinthians 7:1 reads: **< Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. >**

The Spirit of the fear of the LORD is an ingredient of the anointing that YESHUA perfected.

Isaiah 11:2-3a reads: **< The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him (YESHUA), The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And He (YESHUA) will delight in the fear of the LORD … >**

Proverbs 9:1 reads: **< Wisdom has built her house, She has hewn out her seven pillars** (this verse is talking about the seven pillars of the anointing). **>**

Seven prophetically symbolizes perfection, and the reality of us being perfected in the life-giving Spirit of JESUS CHRIST (1 Cor 15:45 + Phil 1:19c). We must pray by the SPIRIT that GOD will perfect us in the Spirit of the fear of the LORD. Amen!