

# FEAR AND YOUR VIEW OF GOD

FEARS	Strategy to overcome fear	Sinful behavior	Pride and Unbelief	WRONG view of God	RIGHT view of God
<b>REJECTION</b>  God is <b>not GLORIOUS</b>	(1) I avoid personal responsibilities  (2) I attempt to perform in ways that are acceptable to myself, others and even God	People-pleaser Over-achiever Unbiblical priorities Demanding Victim Conflict avoider Man-pleaser rather than God-pleaser	Not accepting of how God made me  Demanding Controlling  Believe I deserve God's love and the love of others	God's forgiveness, love/acceptance is not enough  <i>God's love is not enough - I need His love plus others' approval</i>	<b>GOD IS GLORIOUS</b>  Righteous, Loving Accepting My Father  Nothing can separate me from His love
<b>FUTURE</b>  God is <b>not GREAT</b>	I project into the future to:  (1) avoid it  (2) control it	Worry/anxiety Withdrawal Denial Panic attacks Manipulation Control	Not trusting God  Believe I know better than God  Believe I deserve things my way  I lack faith	God is not in control  God is out to get me  God's grace is not sufficient  <i>God owes me a pleasant future</i>	<b>GOD IS...GREAT</b>  Sovereign Good Faithful Righteous  He shows... Grace/mercy
<b>FAILURE</b>  God is <b>not GRACIOUS</b>	I try to:  (1) avoid areas where I feel inadequate  (2) perform to cover areas where I feel inadequate	Withdrawal Domination Defensiveness Justification Avoidance of responsibility Over-achiever Unbiblical priorities Perfectionist Martyr Conflict-avoider	Believe I can save myself and earn God's favor  Not accepting of God's grace, love and forgiveness	God loves me more when I obey and less when I don't  <i>God's love can be earned by my performance</i>  <i>- the cross was not sufficient</i>	<b>GOD IS GRACIOUS</b>  Merciful Forgiving Longsuffering  He created me in His image for good works  He has given me all I need for life and godliness  He has uniquely gifted me spiritually
<b>PAIN</b>  God is <b>not GOOD</b>	(1) I find ways to escape or avoid suffering  (2) I find ways to bring relief from or cover up pain	Pursuit of pleasure or unbiblical escapes  obsessive controlling  Avoidance of suffering	Not accepting God's plan for my life I don't deserve to suffer  I deserve pleasant circumstances, peaceful feelings; to be happy / pain free	God wants me happy and free from pain  <i>God exists to take away my pain and keep me from pain</i>	<b>GOD IS...GOOD</b>  Holy Just Sovereign All-knowing Compassionate Caring He suffered for me - I have the privilege of sharing in His suffering

