

R-E-S-P-E-C-T what does that mean to you?

This is a ten question survey on how you fear (respect) God.

*Ecclesiastes 12:13 Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter:
Fear God and Keep His Commandments for this is the **whole duty of man.***

1. Where is your Bible?
 - a. Don't have one
 - b. Not sure
 - c. Easily accessible
 - d. Close to my bedside

2. Is there anything on top of your Bible?
 - a. Don't know, I am not sure where it is
 - b. It is in a pile somewhere
 - c. I put a few devotional guides on top of it
 - d. No, it is my most valuable possession. I treat this book by its title "Holy Bible."

3. Have you ever thrown a Bible away?
 - a. No, but I just don't use it
 - b. Yes, only because I had too many and did not know what else to do with it
 - c. Yes, but the pages were worn
 - d. Never, it is my most precious possession.

4. Do you overlook the use of God's name when used as an expletive knowing they are just using it for a dramatic effect?
 - a. I do it myself sometimes
 - b. It does not bother me
 - c. It makes me unhappy but I cannot help it. That is not my problem
 - d. I am outraged that my closest and dearest friend is being insulted. I will always defend His reputation just as I would do for any member of my family who was being insulted.

5. Do you use the name of God in any other way than in reference to Him
 - a. Always, I really don't think it matters
 - b. Often, I really don't mean anything bad when I say it
 - c. Sometimes, I do at work but not around my children or in church
 - d. Never, I realize that insulting God is not only disrespectful it is a sin.

6. Do you obey God?
 - a. Never, He doesn't really tell me anything that I have to do
 - b. Sometimes, when I feel like it if it does not interfere with my agenda
 - c. Often, but I am extremely busy so He really cannot expect me to do it all the time
 - d. Yes, I believe my obedience shows my love for Him. I need to display this love regularly. If I do not obey, I ask God to forgive me and I know that He does.

7. How do you respect God's Holy day?
 - a. It is really just another day of the week
 - b. I rest but I feel it is okay if others have to work because I like to shop or eat out after church because ultimately it only matters that I relax.
 - c. I try not to do things on that day but sometimes I forget to pick up things at the store so of course I cannot wait another day so I pick it up on God's Holy day.
 - d. I believe that this day is sacred and should be treated as such.

8. Do you allow others to disrespect God other than just inappropriate use of His name?
 - a. Yes, it is not my responsibility to defend God
 - b. Often, I don't think God needs me to always stick up for Him
 - c. Sometimes, on occasion I do tell people that their actions are inappropriate
 - d. No, I believe that He deserves and must always receive my respect and others must know that He means too much to me for them to portray Him as common. He is God.

9. Have you ever been ungrateful and not acknowledged God's generosity.
 - a. Yes, but I don't think God should get credit for everything sometimes I do it for myself.
 - b. Often, God does not expect me to always tell Him that I am grateful. He already knows that I am grateful
 - c. Sometimes, I do not really think about the fact that all good things come from above and that I should be grateful
 - d. No, I make every effort to acknowledge God's faithfulness and goodness to me because without Him I would have nothing or be nothing. Of course, I rely on the Holy Spirit to bring it to my remembrance and act upon it.

10. Have you forgotten to acknowledge Him for His true character?
 - a. Yes, I don't really think I know His true character
 - b. Often, I am not sure that it is really important
 - c. Sometimes, I get too busy and He knows everything so He really doesn't need it
 - d. No, I daily seek to find His true character through His scriptures I verbally acknowledge His amazing, awesome and wonderful character.

If any of these questions you answered convicts your spirit, pray and ask God what He wants you to do. If you have sinned, ask for forgiveness. Please do this even if it is neglect and not a deliberate act of sin. In the Old Testament, God held them accountable of unintentional acts of disobedience (Leviticus 4:13-If the whole Israelite community sins unintentionally and does what is forbidden in any of the Lord's commands, even though the community is unaware of the matter, they are guilty). God does not change. He finds you guilty but He has changed the method in which we can receive our forgiveness. He sent His son to cover you with His blood. Please tell Him that you are sorry and ask for His guidance from this time forward.

We pray this survey encourages you. We believe that we grow each and everyday. Hopefully you can easily see the difference in your attitude from when you first became a Christian and your current state with Christ. Let Him guide you down the path He has set before you.

Our greatest desire is that you please the heart of God, obey Him out of love, and never allow yourself or others to treat Him with contempt or disrespect. Let us all join together in commonality and portray God as **HOLY**. (*Revelation 4:8b... Day and night they never stop saying: "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."*)

Please read the article on Remember ... (this discusses what God expects and what Jesus clarified as our responsibility on this Holy day). The reference for the use of God's name is Exodus 20:7 - *"You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name."*