



“AFRAID OF ANSWERING THE DOOR”

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Luke 11:9-13

INTRODUCTION:

Fear can motivate us, paralyze us and even cripple us in our lives. We all have some fear of something(s).

Two questions for us this morning?

1. Am I afraid of what other people think of me?
2. Am I afraid of following Jesus?

Do I Have A...

Fear of God Failing Me:

"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (Luke 11:11-13).

"Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off —for all whom the Lord our God will call" (Act 2:38-39).

- Am I afraid that God won't answer me?

Fear of God Answering Me:

"Moses said to the Lord, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue. "The Lord said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else." Then the Lord 's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. (Exodus 4:10-14).

- Am I afraid God will answer me?

Fear of God Ruining My Reputation:

"After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away. "Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!" (Matthew 26:69-74).

- Am I more afraid of what others think of me, or what God wants of me?

Fear of Stifling God's Spirit:

"Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil" (1 Thessalonians 5:19-22).

- Am I a "wet blanket" to God's work in me?

THIS WEEK I CAN....

- ✓ Admit the fears I have about the Holy Spirit.
- ✓ Pray that God begins to remove my fears.

THIS WEEK I WILL....