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The Woman's Fear: Overcoming Anxiety

What kinds of things does a wife (or any woman) typically worry about?

Bible Principles concerning Fear

Ladies Aid

- 1. Fear may motivate us to sin in other ways (Genesis 26:7; 1 Samuel 15:24; Matt.26:69-70)
- 2. Fear might be of other people (Proverbs 29:25; Hebrews 13:6; 1 Peter 3:5-6)
- 3. It is not fear to fulfill our God-given roles as wife and mother, though we could fulfill our roles with a sinful fear (1 Peter 3:5-6)

SOLUTIONS TO FEAR —Match the solution from God's word to the summary statement

- 1. We can trust God to help us and to keep His Word, even when we can't trust man
- 2. There is a blessing in fearing the Lord
- 3. The key to overcoming fear is to put on biblical love for God or others
- 4. It is more important what God thinks of me than what people think of me

Bible Solutions found in

Galatians 2:12 Psalm 112:1 Psalm 56:4 1 John 4:18

MORE SOLUTIONS TO FEAR —Match the solution from God's word to its summary

- 5. People who make wise decisions are more likely to sleep well at night
- 6. I can have a great peace from God if I will memorize and meditate on God's promises that apply to me
- 7. Talk to the Lord when you are afraid and He will talk back to you through His Word
- 8. Reminding yourself of God's power to help you (if you are a Christian) should be greatly comforting to you when you are afraid
- 9. God will give a humble Christian the grace not to be afraid as they die

Bible Solutions found in

Psalm 119:52, 114,143,165 Proverbs 3:21-26 2 Timothy 1:7

Psalm 23:4 Psalm 34:4