From the Pastor's Desk.....

Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure with trouble.

Proverbs 15:16 NKJV

Hello family,

Have you ever thought about that verse before?

I mean really thought about it.

Here what **Proverbs 15:16** should make us think about:

Better to have **the fear of the Lord** than even the so-called greatest thing that this world has to offer.

Whether we are rich or poor (by the world's standards),

whether we are highly educated or not,

whether we are popular or not popular,

whether we are tall or short, big or small, loud or quiet, etc.

If we have **the fear of the Lord**, if we revere and stand in awe of Almighty God, literally fearing Him for Who and How He is, not wanting to disappoint Him in any way, than we have more than anything this world could ever hope to offer.

Not fear that makes us want to avoid Him or run away from Him, but reverential fear that comes from our knowing Him, loving Him, and wanting to be pleasing to Him.

The Bible says that **the fear of the Lord** is the beginning of knowledge, **Prov. 1:7**,

and that the fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom,

Prov. 15:33.

The Bible also says that in **the fear of the Lord** there is strong confidence,

Prov. 14:26;

and that **the fear of the Lord** is a fountain of life, <u>Prov. 14:27.</u>
We are also told in God's Word that he who has **the fear of the Lord** "will abide in satisfaction", <u>Prov.19:23</u>.

Nothing this world has to offer can even come close to comparing with genuinely having **the fear of the Lord.**

Let's make sure that we do.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Dave Wolff