

Ps 34:11

- Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

What's wrong with the world today?

When it comes to ethical decisions, modern psychology recognizes that we are conflicted between “should” and “want”.

Should

- We know what the right thing is, often.
- We learn correct ethical behavior from good parenting and from good systems.

Want

- Without a knowledge of what is right, we have only our base desires.
- Even if we do know what the right thing is, we still must overcome our desire to do what we want.

The Ethical Decision Cycle

	Prediction	Action	Evaluation
Should	We believe we will act ethically		We believe we did act ethically
Want		We act unethically	

Per/vert

- A Latin derivative
- Thoroughly
- Turned

What stops this cycle?

- Knowledge
- Fear

–Both divine and secular

Phobos

Definition

- 1.fear, dread, terror
 - a.that which strikes terror
- 2.reverence for one's husband

Translated Words

KJV (47) - fear, 41; misc, 3; terror, 3;

NAS (45) - cause of fear, 1; fear, 37; fearful, 1; fears, 1; intimidation, 1; respect, 1; respectful, 1; reverence, 1; sense of awe, 1;

Job 28:28

- "And to man He said, `Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; And to depart from evil is understanding.' "

Ps 19:9

- The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether.

Ps 111:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments; His praise endures forever.

Pr 1:7

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Ge 20:11

- Abraham said, "Because I thought, surely there is no fear of God in this place, and they will kill me because of my wife."

Pr 9:10

- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Pr 8:13

"The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverted mouth, I hate.

Wait a minute

- The unbeliever has something to fear-
A very real Hell.
- We are eternally secure believers. What do we have to fear.



Proverbs 1:20-33

- Hardness of the heart.

Pr 10:27

- The fear of the LORD prolongs life, But the years of the wicked will be shortened.

Pr 14:27

- The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life,
That one may avoid the snares of death.

Pr 19:23

- The fear of the LORD leads to life, So that one may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil.

Pr 22:4

- The reward of humility and the fear of the LORD Are riches, honor and life.

Pr 15:33

- The fear of the LORD is the instruction for wisdom, And before honor comes humility.

Pr 23:17

- Do not let your heart envy sinners, But live in the fear of the LORD always.

Isaiah 11:1-9

- The prophet describes the coming Messiah.

2Co 7:1

- Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.