

Stocktaking

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[0 : 00] The 30th of December, Stock-Taking The fear of the Lord teaches a man wisdom, and humility comes before honor.

Proverbs 15, 33, NIV If you have ever worked in a shop, you will know that once a year the whole stock in the shop is counted, and the records are checked, to see that things are in order and the business is being run properly.

The end of the year is a great time to take stock of where we are at in our spiritual lives, so let's take a quick look at how we are doing. The verse at the top of the page gives us a good starting place.

The fear of, or respect for, the Lord speaks to us about having a right attitude towards God. The American writer A.W. Tozer wrote, What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.

How important is God in my day-to-day living? Do I ask His advice on all my decisions as they come up? Do I thank Him for all that happens as the day goes on?

[1 : 09] Would others sense the presence of God in my life because I fear and honor Him? A Christian must also be a humble person. We are too fond of going for the glory rather than the humility.

Humility is said to be the hallmark of wisdom, and it is a mark of real godliness. How do I fare in that department? Remember, we are stock-taking.

The fear of the Lord, wisdom and humility. We need to check where we are in the Christian walk.

God bless you as you take stock at the year's end. And a prayer.

Lord, I know I need more teaching in how I think of you, and I ask you to give me humility to learn better. Amen.