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Characteristics of the Spiritual Path: Chapter 3 questions

1- Is the starting point of the spiritual path love of God or fear of God? Please explain?

2- What is Divine Love?

3- “ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear” (1 John 4:18)

Please mention the steps that can gradually move us from fear of God to perfect love?

4-What are the benefits of the fear of God?

5-Mention the three things that one of the Fathers said he fears the most?

6-True or False: The perfect love is for the great saints and not for beginners.

Please explain why?

7- The summary of the long spiritual syllabus is _____ and _____.

8- Mention 3 causes of fearlessness of God.

9-What are some of the practices that help us to acquire the fear of God?

10- What is the definition of self-coercion?

11- Give examples of how self-coercion can help us in attaining spiritual virtues and growth.

12- Is self-coercion a transitional or a permanent virtue and why?

13- How can the devil ridicule self-coercion?

14-What advice did Pope Shenouda give us to combat against bad thoughts and desires?

“The biggest war we fight in our spiritual life is the war against ourselves”

