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*Ps.25,12: "Who are those who fear the LORD? He will instruct them in the ways they should choose."*

*Phil.1,9: Paul writes: "And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight."*

There is the way of faith and obedience and it is the one that leads to life. Jesus calls it the narrow way and says that only few are found on it while of those who choose the alternative, broad way, which leads to destruction, there are many. (Mt.7) Given how easy it is to lose that way, even when determined in one's mind to walk on it, and how frequently such departing happens, Jesus' word does not seem over-pessimistic.

A great strength and support in this weakness to walk in the way of faith and obedience lies in the fear of God. Were this fear to condition us more deeply, we would be more amenable to his instructions and resilient in the temptations to follow where our desires lead us.

The fear of God is something to be sought, and sought in him who manifested it fully and purely and laid down his life for us – Christ Jesus.