How would you like to take a final exam or proficiency test of some kind without knowing ahead of time what was expected? It is always easier to meet expectations if you have at least a general idea of what is required. That is why it is always best to read the book the drivers license bureau gives you before you take the test. (I found that out the hard way, but that is another story) I love the fact that God does not give us endless lists of things we can and cannot do. Yes, God wants us to become more and more like Jesus Christ. But God has always brought about that kind of thing about by changing peoples' hearts. Let's look at these verses together.

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 *(NLT) And now, Israel,* ***what does the Lord your God require of you?*** *He requires only that you fear the Lord your God, and live in a way that pleases him, and love him and serve him with all your heart and soul. [13] And you must always obey the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good.*

What does God really expect of us? Moses tells us. We must FEAR or Reverence the Lord. Live a life style that HONORS Him. LOVE and SERVE Him with **all our hearts**. And finally we must OBEY what He has commanded. But even these things can become drudgery if we are merely going through the motions or trying to earn God's blessings in some way. Our heart is always what God wants first. That is why it all starts with a sense of AWE, and REVERENCE, for God.

PRAYER: Lord, help me to be filled with AWE and WONDER when ever I think of You. Help me to remember that You want my Heart more than anything else. Forgive me refusing to believe that even Your commands are ultimately for my Good. Help me to seek You with all my heart and soul. Help me to REVERENCE You with Awe and Wonder. May I seek to live out your Truth in my life today.

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