



Fear

There is only one thing that defeats any person from manifesting the greatness of God's wonderful promises, and that is fear. Fear is sand in the machinery of life. When and where we have fear, we cannot believe God and His Word. Fear has ruined more men's ministries and believer's lives than any other thing I know. Men may have wonderful ministries, but when they get inside the church, the machinery of the organized system binds them. They may want to move ahead, but fear has seized them and they can't. They are afraid of what the head deacon might say, or what the head elders might say. Why should they be? Most of the elders don't eld, and most of the deacons don't deac anyway.



FEAR is believing in reverse.

It produces wrong results, but it is believing. It is a law. If you are afraid of holding your job, you're going to lose it. If you are afraid of catching a disease, you will catch it. Fear always binds, enslaves. It is a law and works for saint and sinner alike. Remember Peter?

(Mat 14:30) But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

What you fear you will receive. It is a law. Fear is what stopped Peter. Fear brings results, but they are negative results.

(Isa 41:10) Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

What you fear you will receive. It is a law. We have the choice to fear or not to fear. God is with you and will always take care of you.

(Psa 91:5) Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror

Fear

by night; nor for the
arrow that flieth by day;

What you fear you will receive. It is a law. Fear enslaves people. Fear encases people and makes them less than what they ought to be. It will always bring negative results.

There were two families: One set of parents were afraid for their children, and the other wasn't. The one family prayed and allowed God to take care of them each and every day. The other family, afraid that their child would die, always walked their one little child to school. The family that prayed for their children did well. One day, the boy who was always walked to school got out early and started home alone. He went to cross the street and was killed by a car. You know what killed that boy? The fear in the life of those parents! They were desperately afraid

that a car would hit that boy. Fear is a law. Their own negative believing was the contributing factor that killed that boy.

You see this in relationships as well. When one member has fear for that relationship, that person binds fear into the relationship. Fear will manifest itself to the fearing person's satisfaction. This kind of fear is manipulation. While the fearing person may be well-meaning, a disastrous relationship will be the result. The child will remain sick, the spouse will be held at bay; no one in that relationship will feel truly free in Christ. With positive believing, each person is allowed to grow according to God's Word. No one binds the other. Liberty in Christ manifests itself to each person's satisfaction, but especially to God's.

How about someone who says that next year this time they will

be dead? If you're a betting man, that's where you can put your money.

Have you ever noticed the negatives in the news? No matter where you find it, in a newspaper, on the Internet, on TV—90% of what you see is negative. This is what people feed on. This is what people are fed. Fear is a law and most news is negative. By feeding on it, this is what people become. This law works with tremendous accuracy!

(Job 18:11) Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, and shall drive him to his feet.

Fear shall drive him to his feet. This is not something that we as Christians want.

(Josh 1:9) Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be

Fear

thou dismayed: for the
LORD thy God is with thee
whithersoever thou goest.

God says don't be afraid. This is
part of life that we can control!

(1 Pet 5:8-9) Be sober,
be vigilant; because your
adversary the devil, as a
roaring lion, walketh about,
seeking whom he may
devour: {9} Whom resist
stedfast in the faith, knowing
that the same afflictions
are accomplished in your
brethren that are in the world.

The adversary uses fear, just like
a lion, to seize his prey. He roars,
scaring his prey. We must learn
to resist his fear tactics and be
strong and of a good courage—
be not afraid!

Much love in Christ!

Jerry D. Brown