

Eliminating Fear

We empower the fear that is in us, instead of embracing God's Power that is in us - 2 Tim 1:7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

Timid Fear - deilia (di-lee'-ah); timidity: (fear). (Fleshly or worldly fear)

***Not only is this something we are not to live by, we are also never to inflict it.**

***This fear is the basis of how we react weather we fight or run**

Reverent Fear - Phobos (fob'-os); (to be put in fear); alarm or fright: (be afraid, exceedingly, fear, terror). (Respect fear)

***Total reverence is for God only. This will be the foundation for Godly wisdom on how we deal with things, such as lightning, ferocious animals, traffic...**

(Prov 22:3 A prudent man sees danger and takes refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it.)

***Question, when a parent warns their child of consequences for doing wrong, is that timid or Reverent fear?**

Therefore, I must never live for the "based on flesh" timid fear, I must live by the "Based on God" Reverent Fear- Eccl 12:13 Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: **FEAR GOD and keep his commandments, for **this is the whole [duty] of man.****

Reverent Fear will have us live Spiritually - Power – for circumstances, Love - for relationships, & Self-discipline (sound mind) -For Self

Power - dunamis (doo'-nam-is); force (literally or figuratively); specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, a miracle itself): (ability, abundance, meaning, might, (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work).

There are those that claim to be Christians but do not acknowledge the Power of God - 2 Tim 3:5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

God's power has given us everything we need - 2 Peter 1:3-4 - 3 **HIS DIVINE POWER has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.**

God provides us with the weapons based on his power - 2 Cor 10:3-4 - 3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have **DIVINE POWER to demolish strongholds.**

Don't mistake it for fleshly power, this power protects us from the ultimate death - 1 Cor 1:18-19 - 18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the **POWER OF GOD. 19 For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."**

We must allow God to use us to deal with situations and stop trying to deal with them ourselves - 1 Cor 2:3-5 - 3 I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. 4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a **demonstration of the SPIRIT'S POWER, 5 so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.**

The more we engage our own strength the weaker we are - 2 Cor 12:9-10 - 9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that **CHRIST'S POWER may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.**

The benefits of God's power in our lives covers much - Col 1:9-14 - 9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. 10 And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11 **being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. 13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

The way to access this power is through faith - 1 Peter 1:3-7 - 3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that your faith — of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire — may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

We must readjust our value system - Phil 3:7-11 - 7 But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ — the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. **10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.**

Love - agape (ag-ah'-pay); love, i.e., affection or benevolence; specially (plural) a love-feast: ((feast of) charity ([ably]), dear, love)).

LOVE broken down - 1 Cor 13-If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. (4-8) Love is:

Patient, Kind, NOT envy, NOT Boast, NOT proud, NOT rude, NOT Self-seeking, NOT easily angered, Keeps no records of wrong, Does not delight in evil, Rejoices with the truth

Benefits: -always protects, -always trusts, (Ps146:3), -always hopes, -always perseveres. -Love never fails...

Love is NOT unconditional...LOVE is GOD-Conditional - 1 John 2:15 **DO NOT LOVE** the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

***This means, I do not get to love the way I want to love, it must be through God for it to be LOVE.**

The greatest is Love - 1 Cor 13:13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the **greatest of these is love.**

GOD IS LOVE - 1 John 4:16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. **Whoever lives in love lives in God,** and God in him.

Removes all fear - 1 John 4:17-21 - 17 In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. 18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. **The one who fears is not made perfect in love.**

Love protects us - Phil 1:9-11 - 9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10 **SO THAT** you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ — to the glory and praise of God.

True Spiritual love builds us up - 1 Cor 8:1-3 - 8 Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that we all possess knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. 2 The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know. 3 But the man who loves God is known by God.

True love will be displayed - John 14:15 "**If you love me, YOU WILL obey what I command.**

The Greatest commands, that sum up all commands, is to Love God and Love others - Matt 22:37-40 - 37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." 38 **This is the first and greatest commandment.** 39 And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Love must precede all other actions - 1 Peter 4:8 **Above all, love each other deeply,** because love covers over a multitude of sins.

Self-discipline (sound mind, sober) - sophronismos (so-fron-is-mos'); discipline, i.e. selfcontrol: (sound mind).

Self-control is an act of the Holy Spirit - Gal 5:23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

We have an obligation to BE self-controlled - 1 Thess 5:1-6 - Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2 for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you, brothers, are not in darkness **SO THAT this day should surprise you like a thief.** 5 **You are all sons of the light and sons of the day.** We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. 6 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled.

It is a taught characteristic from grace - Titus 2:11-14 - 11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. 12 **It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,** 13 while we wait for the blessed hope — the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

It must be taught to all - Titus 2:1-8 - **You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine.**

Older men & women - Titus 2:2 Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance. 3 Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good.

Younger women & men - Titus 2:5-6 to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God. 6 Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled.

A characteristic needed for us to pray - 1 Peter 4:7 - 7 The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.

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Self-control is part of what protects us from Satan - 1 Peter 5:8-9 - 8 **BE SELF-CONTROLLED** and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.