

**John # 98 “The Christian Life Is Not About Our Faithfulness to God”**

*John 6:20-29*

**Illegitimate fear is a mental attitude sin which leads to panic during a dangerous situation.**

Legitimate fear is awe, reverence or respect which undeniably leads to obedience and so, this fear is a Christian virtue.

*This love is a mental attitude love produced only when we are filled with the Holy Spirit so it's a love that is free from mental attitude sins.*

This soul love leads to the most relaxed mental attitude a believer can have with no pride, no bitterness, no jealousy, no vindictiveness and no hatred toward the Royal Family of God.

**Like all mental attitude sins, illegitimate fear attacks the soul and anything that attacks the soul is attacking man's vital lifeline.**

The most important part of our lives is what goes on in our souls, the real you is your soul.

*That means illegitimate fear rules the soul when we do not have a solid soul inventory of biblical truth.*

**Cowards always hide behind their arrogance; the Jewish people saw the problem; Moses saw the solution.**

The people faced the problem and were afraid; Moses faced the same problem and was confident from his application of the processed biblical truth in his soul.

*We cannot live in illegitimate fear and at the same time apply God's truth which is living in legitimate fear.*  
Illegitimate fear and the New Testament spiritual life are mutually exclusive.

**Having God's grace solutions in the soul prevents the outside pressures of adversity common to all of us from becoming the inside pressures of stress in the soul.**

Adversity is the inevitable mandatory outside pressure of life; stress is the optional inside pressure of life, described as illegitimate fear, worry and anxiety.

*When there are NO grace solutions in the soul, the adversity becomes stress and unchecked stress then overruns the soul and puts the spiritual life out of action.*

People who live by fear are intimidated by life.

**Do you get it yet? The Christian way of life is NOT about your faithfulness to God; it's all about His faithfulness to you.**

Faithfulness is the consistency and stability of God.

*God cannot be inconsistent with His own nature, He cannot change His essence, He cannot be unfair; He is consistent with Himself, therefore, He is consistent with us and faithful to us.*

Since God is invisible and since at the same time, according to Jesus, He is to be the #1 object of our personal love, we must see and love Him through His Word living in our souls.

**People who are negative toward the written Word of God are ashamed of Jesus Christ, the Living Word of God.**

First this believer is ashamed of the mind of Christ which he rejects, then he becomes ashamed of Christ, Himself.

*Self-discipline is living our lives in light of eternity because once we get even a small glimpse of eternity, we are motivated to consistent processing of biblical truth resulting in heightened spiritual growth.*

**The overwhelming considerations of eternity are far more important than the minor distractions of time. And pre-occupation with the distractions of time can only produce rebellion.**