

John # 124

“Fear Versus Courage”

John 7:13-16; 1st Samuel 17:8-11,20-24;

Psalm 3:1-6

People who live in and by fear are intimidated by life and if we're talking about a believer in Jesus Christ living in a state of fear, that fear increases exponentially like a cancer and as the cancer metastasizes and the fear increases, that person becomes intimidated by life itself.

Fear of death will never prevent our dying but it will prevent our living this life as we could otherwise.

Fear is being overcome by the problem, becoming embedded in the disaster.

To live in fear is to be a voluntary slave to that which you are afraid of.

Fear is a self-chosen mental attitude and if gone unchecked, it quickly becomes a mental attitude sin.

Like all mental attitude sins, fear attacks the soul and anything that attacks the soul attacks our vital lifeline

to grace and truth.

The most important function in life is what goes on in our souls, the real us is within our souls.

And fear becomes a part of the makeup of our soul when we do not have a sufficient inventory of biblical truth therein.

The more things we surrender to fear, the more things we fear and the extent to which we surrender to fear, further increases our capacity for fear.

There is no way to have true love or any true happiness apart from a healthy soul.

The greater our capacity for fear, the more we increase the power of fear in our lives.

Normal emotion in the soul subordinates itself to the absolutes of biblical truth in the soul.

Emotional response to the Word of God is proper thinking within the spiritual life and emotional activity that dominates or subordinates biblical truth to it is rejected by God's absolute truth.

Fear is lack of thinking under pressure and if we don't think under normal circumstances while in prosperity, we'll be loaded down with fear during abnormal or difficult circumstances.

Fear allows for zero application of biblical truth to life which inevitably results in stress and greater suffering but fear does not exist in virtue-love.

1st John 4:18 “There is no fear in love. But perfect (complete or fulfilling) love drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect (complete, spiritually mature) in love.”

The job of the pastor-teacher is two-fold: study and teach and never strive to be a public relations man.

1st Cor. 2:16 “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.”

Hebrews 3:7 “So, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you hear His voice,”

Under grace, there is no place for man’s good works, man’s talent, man’s abilities or personality.

If God has a perfect plan and it is, it must be for everyone who has ever lived.