

Faith Factor – 4

Fear is a part of everyone's life

The world just accepts it as a normal part of life

Fear is not something that should be tolerated in the life of a believer

2 Primary Spiritual Laws

Romans 8:2

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. NKJV

These two laws are complete opposites of one another

The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus covers everything God has promised in His Word – the blessing, eternal life, faith, a recreated spirit, peace, prosperity, the gifts of the Spirit, healing, deliverance, protection, the Holy Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit, and more.

The Law of Sin and Death includes fear, the curse, sin, condemnation, bondage, poverty, oppression and depression, addiction, sickness, physical death and ultimately separation from God in Hell.

Fear is the entry point through which Satan gains access and Faith allows God in our life – The Faith Factor

The enemy's primary goal is to get us to doubt that God's Word will come to pass in our lives

Fear attracts destruction

Faith attracts blessing

Consistency is the key to your breakthrough – as soon as fear shows up you must counterattack it

Living in a world where bad things happening are common place its important that we don't let the spirit of fear get in and steal peace from us

We may even think...

“How could God allow these bad things to happen?”

It's important that we build up our faith to trust in Gods divine protection in every circumstance

To do that we need to remember we have an Enemy

The reason bad things happen is because our enemy, “The Devil” is called the god of this world (age) – he is a ruling force in this current world system

2 Corinthians 4:4

4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. NKJV

2 Timothy 2:26

26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will. NKJV

Remember fear is a spirit that is designed to draw us into the plans and purposes of the enemy

Many times when we have negative emotional responses to people or situations they are actually fueled by some type of deep rooted fear that we may not even be aware of

Dealing with fear at the root level is the key to overcoming anger and hurt

The area of finances is one of the most prevalent areas where fear can manifest as anger especially between spouses

When one spouse spends money without the other knowing it, on a credit card or not according to budget, chances are the anger they may experience is rooted in a fear of lack

When we get angry we need to ask the Lord to show us if there is an area where we are allowing fear in

Not all anger is destructive

Two types of anger: Godly and ungodly

Godly anger can drive us towards the things of God in a more dynamic way

There is a difference between godly and ungodly anger

God's anger is driven by righteousness and hatred for sin
It moves Him in a way to preserve His word and way of
doing things

Mark 11:15-17

15 So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. 16 And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple. 17 Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it a 'den of thieves.'" NKJV

The kind of anger most of us experience is something the bible warns us to guard against because it turns to bitterness, gets in our hearts and defiles us

Ephesians 4:26-27

26 When angry, do not sin; do not ever let your wrath (your exasperation, your fury or indignation) last until the sun goes down.
27 Leave no [such] room or foothold for the devil [give no opportunity to him]. AMP

This type of anger is usually fear based and has the potential to do a great deal of damage to our relationships if we leave it unchecked

Fire can be a blessing but fire out of control causes a great deal of harm

Proverbs 22:24-25

24 Make no friendship with an **angry** man,
And with a **furious** man do not go,
25 Lest you learn his ways
And set a **snare** for your soul. NKJV

Proverbs 29:22

22 An **angry** man stirs up strife,
And a furious man abounds in **transgression**. NKJV

Hebrews 12:14-16

14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: 15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled. NKJV

Fear based anger can easily become rage

Fear and anger are running rampant in our society

Shootings in schools and public venues have become to commonplace

Anger of this type is fear of inferiority – the tactic is to terrorize or intimidate others

We see a perfect example of this in scripture
The Pharisees and Sadducees were afraid of Jesus because
they were intimidated and couldn't control Him

Jesus was a threat to their status quo

John 10:30-39

30 I and My Father are one."

31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. 32 Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" 33 The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God." 34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are gods"'? 35 If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), 36 do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? 37 If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; 38 but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him." 39 Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their hand.

NKJV

- On another occasion they tried to throw Him off a cliff
- When anger based in fear is left unchecked it can cause us to act in violent and destructive ways
- Many times we may not even be aware of how the enemy used us until after the fact
- It is clear that a "little" fear is never ok

Fear-based anger requires the word of God to bring freedom

We must recognize that whenever we are offended, insulted or feel threatened, Satan has an avenue into our minds

Ungodly anger is kindled inside of us not by others actions

Don't let the enemy take you captive

When you sense fear based, negative emotions take authority over them

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. NKJV

Love is the answer

1 John 4:18

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. NKJV

When we walk in any kind of fear it is evidence of a deficiency of the love of God in our life

Perfected love means mature love

Everyday we experience opportunities that are “love tests” awaiting our response

A relative, a co-worker, a spouse or anyone you encounter in public

This is why we need to practice the presence of God
throughout the day
Bringing us to a new level of security, confidence and
comfort

With a revelation of how much God loves you fear will
shrink

1 John 4:16

16 And we have known and believed the love that God has
for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in
God, and God in him. NKJV

The love of God covers everything we will ever go through
or deal with in life
Relationships, finances, health or emotional well being

John 15:9

9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in
My love. NKJV

Matthew 5:44-45, 48

44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who
curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for
those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you
may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His
sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the
just and on the unjust.

48 Therefore you shall be perfect , just as your Father in
heaven is perfect. NKJV