

Faith Factor – 8

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

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 attracts destruction

Faith attracts blessing

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

The fear of abandonment

No Slide: Hebrews 13:5

For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." NKJV

No Slide: Romans 8:35-39

No created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. NKJV

Every human being has four basic needs

Acceptance – Identity – Security – Purpose

Love for God ultimately pans out in our love and trust for others

1 John 4:20

20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? NKJV

Luke 4:18-19

18 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor;

He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,

To set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." NKJV

part does its share , causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. NKJV

Remember the “god of this world” wants to *Blind and Bind*
Jesus came to *Help you See and Set you Free*

Fear of Failure

For many of us the thought of stepping out and trusting God with our dreams is frightening to say the least

Past failures can cripple us and keep us from moving forward and trying something new

The only person that wants us to fail in life is the Devil and he will work overtime to make sure our minds are saturated with the fear of failing – in an attempt to keep our life from accomplishing the plans of God

God has gifted us specifically to fulfill a call that goes way beyond our visions, aspirations, talents and natural strengths

Genesis 1:27-28

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." NKJV

Ephesians 1:3

1 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. NKJV

When we know that we have been blessed to succeed we have no reason to fear failure

As believers we have access to the unlimited, multifaceted benefits of God

Isaiah 11:2 NKJV

2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him,
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The Spirit of counsel and might,
The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.

1 Corinthians 1:30

30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God — and righteousness and sanctification and redemption — NKJV

John 16:15

15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you. NKJV

When we know what He has already declared about us we gain confidence and it empowers us to step out and succeed!

Wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge and the fear of the Lord will cause us to walk in “The Spirit of Might”

The Spirit of Might enabled Jesus to endure physical torture to fulfill His purpose

The Devil wants to get us so overwhelmed with terror at what is before us that we doubt we could ever carry it out

Mark 14:32-36 NKJV

32 Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." 33 And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed. 34 Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch." 35 He went a little farther, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. 36 And He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."

No Slide: Mark 14:33

Struck with terror and amazement and deeply troubled and depressed. AMP

Romans 8:11

11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. NKJV

It takes "Faith" to succeed in life – faith in God's love and trust in His word that no matter what we face or how big the challenges we possess something bigger than that challenge

Take authority

Recognize we have been empowered to succeed

Step out and trust God

The Fear of Failure is fueled by the Fear of Man

Numbers 13:30-33

30 Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it." 31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we."

32 And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. 33 There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight." NKJV

- Caleb had the "Spirit of Might"
- The 10 spies that brought the negative report did not
- They looked at things in view of the opinions of man and their natural senses
- That will bring a snare

Fear of man

Proverbs 29:25

25 The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe. NKJV

The fear of man starts when we consider the circumstances rather than what God said

When we allow ourselves to be intimidated by the outward appearance or manner of people we rob ourselves of what belongs to us according to the word of God

We saw the same thing with Saul

1 Samuel 15:21, 24 NKJV

21 But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal."

24 Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.

The fear of man will cause us to act in disobedience to what the Lord has said

Disobedience always hurts those who love us and are counting on us

We will try to cover our disobedience with a lie

1 Samuel 15:13

13 Then Samuel went to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed are you of the LORD! I have performed the commandment of the LORD." NKJV

Fear of Man will cause us to act self righteous and better than others because we are concerned with our image

Saul's insecurities and need for approval caused him to violate the clear command of the Lord

He thought his position came from pleasing people rather than pleasing God

Fear is a powerful motivator in the lives of people today

Don't fall into these traps of fear

- What other people think
- Looking to prosper
- Appearing to be confident
- The way people perceive you

Galatians 1:10

10 For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ. NKJV

Nothing and no one can stop us when our confidence and faith in God are strong

1 Corinthians 4:3

3 But [as for me personally] it matters very little to me that I should be put on trial by you [on this point], and that you or any other human tribunal should investigate and question and cross-question me. I do not even put myself on trial and judge myself. AMP

Keys to winning over the fear of man

Know who you are in Christ

2 Timothy 1:12

12 For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. NKJV

Allow God to be the source of validation

Ephesians 1:6

6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. NKJV

Remain in Gods presence at all times

Psalms 91:1, 2

91:1 HE WHO dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall remain stable and fixed under the shadow of the Almighty [Whose power no foe can withstand].

2 I will say of the Lord, He is my Refuge and my Fortress, my God; on Him I lean and rely, and in Him I [confidently] trust! AMP

The presence of the Lord provides security, strength and freedom from fear

God will go before us to ensure that we have success in all our endeavors

He is our protector and deliverer