

## Faith Factor – 9

### 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

## 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

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

### Ephesians 1:3

3 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

### 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

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

### 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

### 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 – Fear of man
- That will bring a snare

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

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

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

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 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

The ultimate way to overcome the Fear of Man is the

**Fear of the Lord**

**Proverbs 9:10**

10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. NKJV

The “Fear of God” has a lot of confusion attached to it

When the Word talks about fearing God, it doesn’t mean to be afraid of Him as if He were a mean taskmaster

That type of fear is from the Devil, bringing torment

To fear the Lord means to have a reverence for Him and to live a life of obedience to His word

Some people want to live selfish lives that disregard the Bible and anything that is perceived as a threat to their selfish lifestyles

1 John 5:2-3

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. NKJV

- When we have a reverence for God we want to obey Him
- We realize that He has our best interest in mind
- He wants to protect us and give us abundant life

Our love for God is evident when we are willing to let His love for us lead us

When we honor God and make His word and Wisdom the final authority in life we open the door to the wisdom of God which will bring success

It is essential to have a genuine confidence in God's love as well as true honor for Him to have results

It's not about going to Church and "doing" religious things

### Psalm 34:7-9

7 The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who **fear** Him, and delivers them. 8 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who **trusts** in Him!

9 Oh, **fear** the LORD, you His saints!

There is no want to those who fear Him. NKJV

- Fear of the Lord is trusting Gods word
- It has nothing to do with our good works
- Its about Honor and Respect for Him and His word
- The Fear of the Lord brings protection
- The Fear of the Lord brings provision

The Fear of the Lord affects our relationships

### Ephesians 5:21-22, 25

21 **submitting to one another** in the fear of God.

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her. NKJV

The Bible goes on in **Ephesians 6** and tells children to submit to their parents, and employees to submit to employers as to the Lord

The Fear of the Lord applies to every aspect of life



The Fear of the Lord brings great peace in every area of life

**Psalm 128:1-6**

1 Blessed is every one who fears the LORD,  
Who walks in His ways.

2 When you eat the labor of your hands,  
You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.

3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine  
In the very heart of your house,  
Your children like olive plants  
All around your table.

4 Behold, thus shall the man be blessed  
Who fears the LORD.

5 The LORD bless you out of Zion,  
And may you see the good of Jerusalem  
All the days of your life.

6 Yes, may you see your children's children.  
Peace be upon Israel! NKJV

If you want to be a person who pleases God you have got to  
be a person who understands and values the Word of God

The Fear of the Lord releases the blessings of God into  
your life

It's important to fear and honor God in our thoughts,  
motives, words, and actions

The only way to do that is by renewing our minds with the  
word of God