

We Must Mature by Not Walking in Fear



2 Timothy 1:7; 1 John 4:18

- A. We've learned that the word "shift" means to change the place, position, or direction; to move from one assignment to another; to exchange or replace by another.**
- 1. The last several weeks we learned the reason why God gave the Five-fold Ministry (Ephesians 4:11-16)**
 - To equip us for the work of ministry.
 - So that we can edify the body of Christ in love.
 - So that we can come to the unity of the faith.
 - So that we can stop being tossed by every wind and doctrine.
 - So that we will grow up and not be children.
- B. If we are going to continue to Mature in Love, Mature in Faith, Mature in Knowledge, Mature in Works – "We must not walk in Fear. (2 Timothy 1:7)**
- 1. Everything that God has graced us to do, must be developed and maximized – We must be careful to not allow ourselves, others, nor the enemy to minimize.**
 - 2. The purpose: to mature us for our next assignment – to shift. He is calling us in the pews to stir up the gifts that are in us, so that when we leave this place we will go out and represent the Lord.**
 - 3. The Goal: for us to resolve in our hearts that we will shift.**
- C. There are (3) three areas that we must address if we are going to "Mature by not walking in fear." (1) Origin of Fear; (2) Opposition to Fear; (3) Overcoming Fear.**
- 1. Statements About the Dangers of the Spirit of Fear. This is one on the weapons that Satan uses to hinder God's people from accomplishing His will in the earth. Satan's greatest weapon is deception.**
 - 2. What does the word "fear" mean? – to be afraid, that which causes flight, or to be scared, frighten, to dread, or to be filled with terror – it can have an effect on both the physical and spiritual health of a person. It can affect a person emotionally and mentally due to anxiety, worry, and stresses of life.**

- D. “Fear” can affect a believer’s life both spiritually and physically. What are the results of fear? (John 10:10, Matthew 25:14-30, Matthew 16:14-23)**
- E. There are (4) Four areas of “fear” that we all can identify with whether from past experiences or present experiences.**
- 1. Fear – caused by our natural senses (touch, taste, smell, hear, see), or instincts when facing the threat of danger or harm.**
 - 2. Fear – caused by demonic spirit that oppress or possess a person life due to sin and disobedience to God, opens the door for the enemy wreak havoc in that person life.**
 - 3. Fear – caused by trauma, tragic loss suffered, or something negative that happen in person life.**
 - 4. Fear of God – caused by the work of Christ in our heart, we reverence, love, respect, honor, worship, praise, in awe of the One True God.**
- F. What we must know about “fear” is that it’s always present when God is absent.**
- 1. When we trust anyone or anything more than God – “Fear” will always be present.**
 - 2. We learned this that we (all) have strengths, weakness, and problems. Every individual, family and every church.**
 - 3. Even though that reality is true in us and among us – it should never be an excuse for not fulfilling the will of God for our lives. (2 Corinthians 12:7-9, Romans 5:1-5)**