

Sunday, November 21, 2021  
FEAR FAILS BEFORE GIANTS FALL  
3 fears we cannot take into 2022

Last Sunday, we began a series highlighting 3 fears that we cannot take with us into 2022. The first fear we spoke of was the fear of death. Today, we will highlight another fear: the fear of the enemy. What does the Bible say about fear that keeps us from fulfilling the will of God?

2 Timothy 1:7 (AMP)

Once we are born again, the enemy loses control over our lives. Even when we go through hard times, God is in control of how “hot” things get – not the enemy. Knowing this helps tremendously when encountering a challenge. Over time, Christianity has fallen more out of favor in America due to the rise of humanism and godless intellectualism. People are not the enemy – we must remember this during these days – but the enemy is using people and institutions as tools to intimidate believers in Jesus. There are things that are true regarding this intimidation:

1. The enemy is emboldened.
2. The enemy is loud.
3. The enemy is hateful.
4. The enemy controls many information/education outlets.

The enemies’ goal is to control. He can’t control the lives of believers so he seeks to take control over seats of authority to enact ungodly agendas and he does this through intimidating and confusing the church. Confusion because many in the church believe one way and act another. Intimidation because he backs down fearful and insecure believers.

**The enemy will not change his tactics. He will continue his current strategy.**

He will use your friends, your colleagues, your family, your neighbors, the media, the politicians, the professors, those who hate God – to see if there abides any fear of death, fear of unpopularity, fear of lack, fear of confrontation; etc. in you. He will threaten to fire you, kill your children, make you an outcast, make you poor, put you in jail – even kill you if you do not bow to his agenda.

Matthew 10:16-22; 24-26 (NKJV)

One last comment on this subject from Jesus:

Matthew 10:32-33 (NKJV)

Read all of Matthew 10 for the full teaching. Why do we fear the enemy?  
*We are not receiving Christ's love for us and thus believing His Word to us.*  
Here is the solid truth – the “verily” truth regarding us and the enemy:

Luke 10:19 (NKJV)

Fear resides in the camp of the enemy – not our camp.

Matthew 16:18 (NKJV)

Peter - *petros*, a small or detached stone. Rock - *petra*, bedrock or a huge rock. Jesus uses a simple play on the Greek words *petros* and *petra* in this verse. Throughout the N.T. Christ is clearly depicted as both the foundation *petra* and chief cornerstone of the church. Here He praises Peter for his accurate confession of faith in Him as Messiah. Peter explains the role of believers as “living stones” in the church which is built on Christ as the foundation and cornerstone (1 Pet 2:5, 6).

Today's Scriptures:

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