

## Fear: The Great Destroyer

### Chapter 16

This chapter is different from Chapter 10: “Fear no Evil”. This is about not letting the spirit of fear live in you, for why you are living with FEAR. For if you allow the spirit of fear to live in you, he will destroy you, for living with the spirit of fear is living without the love of God in you, and without the love of God in you, you do not have God and no salvation.

MT 16:24 “Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. [25] For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. [26] What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? [27] For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done. [28] I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.””

**Special Note:** God is very passionate about this. You will not know until you see Him how much He hates to see His children living with spirit of fear, for there is no reason to live with it.

1JN 4:13 “We know that we live in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. [14] And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. [15] If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in Him and He in God. [16] And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. [17] In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the Day of Judgment, because in this world we are like Him. [18] There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. **The one who fears is not made perfect in love.** “

The spirit of fear is a spirit that sneaks into us as a result of opening any window for evil, Christians or not. Remember the Chapter on “Window Control”—Chapter 4.4 And as you see above, fear divides us from God. This is why God spends so much time cleansing us, purifying us, and disciplining us. So that His Holy Spirit, which is love, can live in us and not the spirit of fear.

If you do not have the spirit of fear, then you have God’s love in you, if you have His love, then you have His peace, and you have peace because you trust Him, and if you

have trust, then you have faith in God, and with this faith, you can move mountains. Likewise, if you have fear, then you do not love God, and if you do not love God, you cannot have His peace, if you do not have His peace you do not trust Him, and distrust is anti-faith, and without faith in Him you can do nothing.

If you realize that God really loves you and His love is in you, then why do you drive out His love by allowing the spirit of fear to come into your heart? Why the spirit of fear? He loves you and, therefore, He will care for you. He will fight for you.

## 16.1 How Does the Spirit of Fear come into us?

How does the spirit of fear enter and live in us. The spirit of fear comes from any evil that might come into us from open windows and from our trying to save our lives or the lives of others. Here are a few ideas of the spirit of fear.

1. We fear because we do not have money
2. We fear because we do not have things to live: food, shelter, clothing
3. We fear for loss of what we do have
4. We fear because of gain—fear of becoming known
5. We fear for others—how they might harm us
6. We fear for ourselves—how our anger, jealousy, envy,
7. We fear for nothing—the unknown
8. We fear to sleep—the world might blow up while we sleep
9. We fear to live—of failure
10. We fear...
11. WE FEAR for everything

Thus the truth is that:

### **THE SPIRIT OF FEAR WILL CAUSE YOU TO LOOSE EVERYTHING.**

Here are a few ways that we let the spirit of fear live in us.

#### **1. We compromise with evil.**

God does not compromise; He expects us to not compromise with evil either. Any kind of compromise with evil, will allow evil in your heart.

LK 6:43 "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. [44] Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thorn bushes, or grapes from briars. [45] **The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.**"

The devil is a great fisherman, he can use the smallest hook and the weakest (lightest) fishing line to bring in the biggest fish—us. If you cannot be trusted with the little Godly things, how can you be trusted with the big Godly things? For the spirit of fear will cause you to lose your trust. Little evil things can drag you down just as fast as big evil things. Doing little bad things will lead the way to doing big bad things, such as a little white lie.

When you compromise with the devil, that means that you do not fully trust God to solve that situation, you have allowed the spirit of fear into you, and it is causing mistrust.

## 2. Deceived by evil

When we are ignorant of the ways of God and the Kingdom of God, then we can be easily deceived. This is why God is always trying to teach us the truth of things and why He sent the Holy Spirit to live in us. One of His jobs is to lead us into all truth. See John 14, 15, and 16.

## 3. We are disobedient.

The spirit of fear will always sneak into us, when we open any window to evil, which occurs when we are disobedient. See Ephesians 2.

When evil comes against you, why do you allow the great deceiver to cause you to fear, he cannot hurt you. Remember, He who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

Rest in God's hands and in His peace. You obey Him and follow your destiny and let God be God.

## 4. The want of materialism.

Whenever we desire materialism and not desire the Lord, the spirit of fear will be at its strongest. The spirit of fear thrives in our hearts when we desire things over God.

1TI 6:6 “But godliness with contentment is great gain. [7] For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. [8] But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. [9] People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. [10] For the **love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.**”

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Another way to think of this is that the root of all evil is caused by the spirit of fear. For why do they need money? They need it because they are afraid of starving, and of not having pleasure. They are afraid of others being in control, so money can buy control. They are afraid of not being good enough; so having money is a measure of pride or being good enough. They are afraid that people will not like them; so having money can buy people. As you can see the fear factor, the measure of being afraid or scared is really the root of all evil which uses money to cure.

HEB 13:4 "Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. [5] Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

"Never will I leave you;  
never will I forsake you."

HEB 13:6 "So we say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid (will not fear).  
What can man do to me?"

HEB 13:7 "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. [8]  
**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."**

If fear does not have a hold on you, then what can evil do to you? You are truly free and free in the Lord.

He will keep you either here on earth or in heaven, either way He will fulfill your destiny.

If Jesus is in you, why do you fear? When you see someone of witchcraft come against you, why fear? They cannot hurt you. Rest in God, rest in His peace, rest in knowing that He is fighting for you. Why do you fear? Why do you panic? Is witchcraft in your destiny to destroy you? I think NOT!!!! If you know what your destiny is, then you know that these evil people cannot hurt you and that it is the deceiver who is lying to you.

The devil is like a lion on an unbreakable short leash. When he smells you, he roars and roars and roars, but he cannot hurt you, the Lord has him controlled, but if you believe in the roars of this helpless lion, that he can attack you, then you will let the spirit of fear in you when he has no right to.

Because you believe this deceiver, you have allowed the spirit of fear in your heart and it in turn drives the Holy Spirit out. Why do you believe the lie instead of God?

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1PE 5:8 “Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. [9] **Resist him, standing firm in the faith**, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.”

1PE 5:10 “And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. [11] To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.”

We are to resist, and not fear the roaring lion. God is in control, if you let Him by resting in His love, peace and joy, and not that of fear.

Another one is our children (our His and our children). They need to know the truth of the evil world, so that they will not be deceived. As children, God has angels around the children that He has chosen to be His, He has the Holy Spirit in them to protect them, so why do we fear for them.

When they read Harry Potter or other such non-christian books, such as Wizard of Oz or war books, Buffy the Vampire slayer or Charmed or watch non-christian TV or movies, God will keep them safe (His and our children), as long as we trust God to take care of them. Hiding the truth of evil from them will not protect them; only God can. Even if we isolate them from all evil, do you really think that will protect them from evil? NO, NO, NO!!!! Only the Lord can protect them. But they must learn to read and to understand what evil is, so that they can fight against evil. If they do not recognize evil, how can they fight against it?

People are only influenced by outside sources—such as TV, Radio, book, magazines—when we are not protected by God. We cannot keep all of the world out of our sight or hearing, so why try when we have a wonderful God who will protect us, teach us, train us and love us.

So sheltering our children because **we** FEAR for them, does not help. Our fear in fact will destroy them. Why, because it causes us to worry for them and it in turn creates doubt and anti-faith in God, and with out faith, then our prayers are null and void, worthless and useless. For with out our faith, God can do nothing. We must Trust GOD!!!!!! It is the fear of evil that destroys us not the evil that causes the fear.

LK 21:25 "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. [26] Men (not Christians) will faint from **terror (fear)**, apprehensive (stressed from fear) of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. [27] At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. [28] When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Only facing our fear with the Lord and His truth will set you free. We must allow God to fulfill His destiny with our children. If we fear for them, we are not trusting God nor are we obeying God. And we call ourselves Christians. If we fear, where is the fruit of the Holy Spirit if we are really Christians?

Christians do not live in fear, they live in Love, Joy and Peace of the Lord. They live in the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

## 16.2 Finally

So how do we not fear? Well this whole book is dedicated to answering that question. It is not easy and it is impossible without God. God is all in all. Perfect love of God drives out fear, but remember, we must decide to believe God and not the spirit of Fear. We must decide to trust God that He is in control and that His destiny for us is to not fear. We must accept His destiny for us for it to work.

We must float in His love.

Remember when you went swimming and they wanted you to float in the water. Do you remember what you had to do in order to float?

In short you had to do nothing. You had to trust the water, because if you did not and you panicked what happened? You sank. If you panic and thrashed around trying to use your arms and feet to hold yourself up, you sank and almost drowned.

In order to float, you had to decide to just trust the water, and rest in it. You did not move or try to force the water to hold you by moving around. You REST. You just decided to make yourself to be still and not move, relax, and to trust the water to hold you up. AND it worked.

Life with God is the same thing you have to relax and be still and trust Him to take care of all things. You need to accept His love for you. You need to decide to allow Him to love and care for you, even if you think that you might die. But you know that if you trust in His destiny for you, that He will not let you die, because you have a job to do. So why allow fear to control you.

You need to decide to follow God and you have to decide to not agree with fear.

When you open the window to fear, (see Volume 3, Chapter 4 on Spirit World—if you have not read it or you have forgotten about window control), the way to close it is:

1. To ask God to forgive you for not trusting Him, which closes the window,
2. You then repent and that you do not want to have fear in you, which allows God to remove the spirit of fear in you, and

3. Finally you ask the Lord to fill you with God's love.

This same process works with all evil spirits that invade us when we sin. Here are some scriptures to remind you of who the evil spirits are.

GAL 5:7 "You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth? [8] That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. [9] "A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough." [10] I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion will pay the penalty, whoever he may be. [11] Brothers, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished. [12] As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves!"

GAL 5:13 "You, my brothers, were called to be free (from fear). But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. [14] The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." [15] If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other."

GAL 5:16 "So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. [17] For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. [18] But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law."

**GAL 5:19 "The acts of the sinful nature (evil spirits) are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; [20] idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions [21] and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God."**

**GAL 5:22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. [24] Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. [25] Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. [26] Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other."**

GAL 6:1 "Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be

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tempted. [2] Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. [3] If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. [4] Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else, [5] for each one should carry his own load.”

Graham Cooke tells of an experience once about the time when an evil witch (warlock) called him to curse him. After this warlock started to curse and condemn Graham, Graham stopped him to ask him a question.

Graham asked how long he had been a warlock. He answered many years. So Graham said that he was not a very good one. The warlock asked why. Graham said that he was not having any effect on Graham. So Graham told him to take a deep breath, to concentrate and have another go at it (cursing Graham).

Then after a few more minutes of it, Graham stopped him again. He said that he wanted the warlock to really give Graham the best cursing he could do. Now this confused the warlock because Graham was not afraid of him like everyone else.

Graham said, that he wanted the warlock to give him the very best cursing the warlock can give, because Graham wanted God to bless him greatly. Graham told the warlock that for every curse the warlock did, God would bless him just as great. So the worse he got from the warlock, the best God would bless Graham.

With that the warlock gave up, but just before the warlock hung up, Graham said that he had a message from God for the warlock. The warlock asked what it was, and Graham said that Jesus was going to get him, and hung up.

Two years latter, Graham said that he got a phone call. When he answered it, the man introduced himself as the warlock who called him before. Graham asked him how he was and that he missed him. The warlock asked why, and Graham said that his blessings were running out and he needed more, then Graham asked, has he called to curse him again so that he blessings will increase again.

To that the warlock laughed. He said no. He said that he came to tell him something else. He asked if Graham remembered what the last thing he said before they hung up. Graham said, “Yes”. Well the warlock said that he just wanted Graham to know that he got, got. Jesus saved him and he no longer was a warlock. He was a Christian now.

So Graham’s faith in God prevented him from having fear, but instead to use the love of God for this man, and in turn, God saved this ex-warlock.

Why to we allow fear to come into us? If we decide to trust and to love God and to not agree or decide to be fearful (opening the fear window), then we will not **fear**, or **panic** or **worry**.



2TI 1:3 “I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. [4] Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. [5] I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. [6] For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. [7] For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (**fear**-King James and Berkeley version) but a **spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.**”

We have to decide to trust God and we have to decide to not allow fear in us, but to allow God to love us, to decide to accept God’s love for us to fill us, instead of accepting and allowing fear to come into us.

OUR FEAR (THE EVIL SPIRIT OF FEAR IN US) FOR OUR KIDS  
WILL KILL THEM, NOT THE THING WE FEAR.

Resting in God and in His destiny for us and  
our family is only  
accomplished without fear.

## Appendix A Tommy

By John Powell

This is worth reading, even if it is a bit long.

John Powell, a professor at Loyola University in Chicago writes about a student in his Theology of Faith class named Tommy:

Some twelve years ago, I stood watching my university students, file into the classroom for our first session in the Theology of Faith. That was the day I first saw Tommy. My eyes and my mind both blinked. He was combing his long flaxen hair which hung six inches below his shoulders. It was the first time I had ever seen a boy with hair that long. I guess it was just coming into fashion then. I know in my mind that it isn't what's on your head but what's in it that counts; but on that day I wasn't prepared and my emotions flipped. I immediately filed Tommy under "S" for strange...very strange.

Tommy turned out to be the "atheist in residence" in my Theology of Faith course. He constantly objected to, smirked at, or whined about the possibility of an unconditionally loving Father/God. We lived with each other in relative peace for one semester, although I admit he was for me, at times, a serious pain in the back pew.

When Tommy came up at the end of the course to turn in his final exam, he asked in a slightly cynical tone, "Do you think I'll ever find God?" I decided instantly on a little shock therapy. "No!" I said very emphatically.

"Oh," he responded, "I thought that was the product you were pushing."

I let him get five steps from the classroom door and then called out, Tommy! I don't think you'll ever find Him, but I am absolutely certain that He will find you!"

He shrugged a little and left my class and my life. I felt slightly

disappointed at the thought that he had missed my clever line - He will find you! At least I thought it was clever.

Later I heard that Tommy had graduated and I was duly grateful. Then a sad report came. I heard that Tommy had terminal cancer. Before I could search him out, he came to see me. When he walked into my office, his body was very badly wasted and the long hair had all fallen out as a result of chemotherapy. But his eyes were bright and his voice was firm, for the first time, I believe.

"Tommy, I've thought about you so often. I hear you are sick," I blurted out.

"Oh, yes, very sick. I have cancer in both lungs. It's a matter of weeks."

"Can you talk about it, Tom?" I asked.

"Sure, what would you like to know?" he replied.

"What's it like to be only twenty-four and dying?"

"Well, it could be worse." "Like what?"

"Well, like being fifty and having no values or ideals, like being fifty and thinking that booze, seducing women, and making money are the real 'biggies' in life."

I began to look through my mental file cabinet under 'S' where I had filed Tommy as strange. (It seems as though everybody I try to reject by classification, God sends back into my life to educate me)

"But what I really came to see you about," Tom said, "is something you said to me on the last day of class." (He remembered!)

He continued, "I asked you if you thought I would ever find God and you said, No which surprised me. Then you said, 'But He will find you.' I thought about that a lot, even though my search for God was hardly intense at that time. (My clever line. He thought about that a lot!)

"But when the doctors removed a lump from my groin and told me that it was malignant, that's when I got serious about locating God. And when the malignancy spread into my vital organs, I really began banging bloody fists against the bronze doors of heaven. But God did not come out. In fact, nothing happened. Did you ever try anything for a long time with great effort and with no success? You get psychologically glutted, fed up with trying. And then you quit. Well, one day I woke up, and instead of throwing a few more futile appeals over that high brick wall to a God who may be or may not be there, I just quit. I decided that I didn't really care about God, about an after life, or anything like that. I decided to spend what time I had left doing something more profitable.

I thought about you and your class and I remembered something else you had said: 'The essential sadness is to go through life without loving. But it would be almost equally sad to go through life and leave this world without ever telling those you loved that you had loved them.'"

"So, I began with the hardest one, my Dad. He was reading the newspaper when I approached him."

"Dad."

"Yes, what?" he asked without lowering the newspaper.

"Dad, I would like to talk with you."

"Well, talk."

"I mean, it's really important."

The newspaper came down three slow inches. "What is it?"

"Dad, I love you. I just wanted you to know that."

Tom smiled at me and said it with obvious satisfaction, as though he felt a warm and secret joy flowing inside of him.

"The newspaper fluttered to the floor. Then my father did two things I could never remember him ever doing before. He cried and he hugged me. We talked all night, even though he had to go to work the next morning. It felt so good to be close to my father, to see his tears, to feel his hug, to hear him say that he loved me."

"It was easier with my mother and little brother. They cried with me, too, and we hugged each other, and started saying real nice things to each other. We shared the things we had been keeping secret for so many years. I was only sorry about one thing -- that I had waited so long. Here I was, just beginning to open up to all the people I had actually been close to."

"Then, one day I turned around and God was there. He didn't come to me when I pleaded with Him. I guess I was like an animal trainer holding out a hoop, 'C'mon, jump through. C'mon, I'll give You three days, three weeks.' Apparently God does things in His own way and at His own hour.

But the important thing is that He was there. He found me. You were right. He found me even after I stopped looking for Him."

"Tommy," I practically gasped, "I think you are saying something very important and much more universal than you realize. To me, at least, you are saying that the surest way to find God is not to make Him a private possession, a problem solver, or an instant consolation in time of need but rather by opening to love. You know, the Apostle John said that. He said: 'God is love, and anyone who lives in love is living with God and God is living in him.'

"Tom, could I ask you a favor? You know, when I had you in class you were a real pain. But (laughingly) you can make it all up to me now. Would you come into my present Theology of Faith course and tell them what you have just told me? If I told them the same thing it wouldn't be half as effective as if you were to tell them."

"Ooh ..... I was ready for you, but I don't know if I'm ready for your class."

"Tom, think about it. If and when you are ready, give me a call."

In a few days Tom called, said he was ready for the class, and that he wanted to do that for God and for me. So we scheduled a date. However, he never made it.

He had another appointment, far more important than the one with my class and me. Of course, his life was not really ended by his death, only changed. He made the great step from faith into vision. He found a life far more beautiful than the eye of man has ever seen or the ear of man has ever heard or the mind of man has ever imagined.

Before he died, we talked one last time. "I'm not going to make it to your class," he said.

"I know, Tom."

"Will you tell them for me? Will you . . . tell the whole world for me?"

"I will, Tom. I'll tell them. I'll do my best."

So, to all of you who have been kind enough to take the time to read this. And to you, Tommy, somewhere in the sunlit, verdant hills of heaven --- I told them, Tommy, as best I could.

If this story means anything to you, please pass it on to a friend or two. It is a true story and is not enhanced for publicity purposes.

With thanks,

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\*\*\*You never know Jesus is all you need, until Jesus is all you've got.

**No one cares whether you can dance; Just dance!**

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