

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (AMP) [3] For though we walk (live) in the flesh, we are not carrying on our warfare according to the flesh and using mere human weapons. [4] For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds.

[5] [Inasmuch as we] refute <u>arguments</u> and <u>theories</u> and <u>reasonings</u> and <u>every proud</u> and <u>lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One),</u>



95% of what goes on in our thinking processes we are unaware of.

- why we think the way we do
- our attitudes and motives
- our emotions
- The beliefs that cause us to make decisions
- our behaviors
- our peace, joy, affection, perspectives, gentleness, kindness, love etc.

That Means: 95% of our Faith (Godlike Faith), and 95% of our Fears (Un-Godly Faith), we are unaware that we are operating in them.

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Romans 12:2 (NIV) [2] Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Ephesians 4:22-24 (NKJV) [22] that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, [23] and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, [24] and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

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We are believing one thing with our 5% brain.

But we believe something else in our 95% brain.

> And for whatever reason, christians have not been taught to push the truth / word completely through us (100%) until the inner conflict stops.

We're not addressing that part of our being.

Identifying Fear (The beginning of the Process)

- A. How do you know if you have Fear?
- B. How do we know if:
- > The reason we think the way we do is not fear based?
- > Our attitudes and motives are not fear based?
- Our emotions are not based on fear?
- > The beliefs that cause us to make decisions aren't fear based?
- Our behaviors aren't from fear?

Science tells us that in 95% of our faith, (which includes fear) we are unaware we're operating in it.

- a. Afraid of people who are different from us
 - > Handicapped
 - > People struggling with drugs
- b. Afraid of end times
- c. Afraid of demons
- d. Afraid of demons being cast out
- e. Afraid of God (what he might say, do, ask,.....)
- f. Afraid of things we don't understand (it's demonic, witchcraft, scary,.....)
- g. Afraid of water
- h. Afraid of heights
- i. Afraid of the dark

- j. Afraid to drive in the cities
- k. Afraid of new experiences
- I. Afraid of meditation
- m. Afraid of new age
- n. Afraid of Muslims
- o. Afraid of not being good enough for God
- p. Afraid that God doesn't Love us
- q. Afraid to make the decisions that produce prosperity
- r. Afraid of not being saved
- s. Afraid.....

- a. Staying home during Covid?
- b. Not letting your children play with other....
- c. Being spend thrifty or we might go broke.
- d. The bad feeling about someone or someplace.
- e. Avoiding certain people or situations.
- f. Our beliefs.
- g. Our decisions / choices.

How do we know if we're operating in Wisdom or Fear?

- A. Wisdom is built on Godly Knowledge.
 - > No Negative Emotions are attached or triggered.
- B. Fear is built on Un-Godly Knowledge or Bad Experience.
- C. Fear is basically an Emotion.
 (Something bad is going to happen)
 (This isn't going to turn out good)
 (This is going to go badly)
 - > A lot of uncertainty & negative feelings.

Proverbs 1:7 (NIV)

[7] The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

Proverbs 9:10 (NIV) [10] "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

What is the Fear of the Lord?

a. Most ministers in our culture say its:

> Awe, Respect, Reverence for God.

> Correct by not the full definition.

(H3372) -Fear (Strong's) a primitive root; to fear; morally, to revere; caus. to frighten:--affright, be (make) afraid, dread(-ful), (put in)fear (-ful, -fully, -ing), (be had in) reverence(-end), X see, terrible (act, -ness, thing).

(H3372) -Brown-Driver-Briggs 1) to fear, revere, be afraid
1a2) to stand in awe of, be awed
1a3) to fear, reverence, honor,
respect
1b1) to be fearful, be dreadful,
be feared
1c) to make afraid, terrify

(H3374) -Fear (Strong's) feminine of 3373; fear (also used as infinitive); morally,

reverence:--X dreadful, X exceedingly, fear(-fulness).

(H3374) -Brown-**Driver-**Briggs

- 1) fear, <u>terror</u>, fearing
- 1b) awesome or terrifying thing

What is the Fear of the Lord?

- b. Layman's Def.
- We deeply care about what God thinks.
- If we know he disagrees with something we are doing, planning to do, etc., we experience an emotion:
 - > That ranges from:
 - Hesitant / Nervous / Deeply Respectful,
 - To Terrified / Exceedingly Fearful.

Isaiah 11:2-3 (NIV) [2] The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD—[3] and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;

Isaiah 33:6 (NIV)

[6] He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is the key to this treasure.

Hebrews 5:7 (NIV) [7] During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

Psalms 45:7 (NIV)

[7] You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.

Hebrews 1:9 (NIV)

[9] You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy."

All knowledge and wisdom must run through the filter of what God thinks.

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How do you know the difference between Godly and Un-Godly knowledge?

- #1 Filter it through the Word.
- #2 Filter it through the Fear of the Lord.
- #3 And ALWAYS: Look for the emotion of Fear.
- > Ungodly knowledge will ALWAYS have Fear attached to it or produce Fear somehow.