### "FEAR"

### 1. TWO KINDS OF FEAR

Fear commanded: (Ecc. 12:13; Job 28:28; Matt. 10:28; Acts 9:31) Fear forbidden: (Psalm 91:1-5; Luke 12:32)

# 2. A KEY TO ESTABLISHING RIGHT FEAR IS OUR FAITH

(Psalm 34:4, 23:4, 56:3-4, 112:6-7)

# 3. AREAS WHEREIN "FEAR" OPERATES

- 1) Fear failure: (Matt. 25:25-26) "I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent ... "
  (1 Cor. 15:58) "... ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord"
- 2) Fear the unknown: (Heb. 11:1) "Faith is the substance of things hoped for ... "
- 3) Fear responsibility: (2 Cor. 8:9-10) "... it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not ... "
  (Deut. 1:29) "Dread not, neither be afraid of them" (v32) "Yet in this thing ye did not believe the Lord your God"
- 4) Fear old age: (Lev. 19:32; Prov. 20:29)
- 5) Fear insecurity, "What if?": (Matt. 6:19-20)
  Spiritually, we lack nothing (Eph. 1:3; Psalm 37:25; Matt. 6:25-33)
- 6) Fear rejection: (John 6:37) "him that comes to me I will in no wise cast out"
- 7) Fear of what others will say or think:

Peter - (Matt. 26:69-75; Gal. 2:11-13) (John 12:42 and 19:38; Prov. 29:25; Isaiah 51:7)

- 8) Fear sufferings: (Rms. 8:28; Psalm 119:71)
- 9) Fear death: (Heb. 2:13-15 and 9:27-28)

## 4. SOME TRAGIC EFFECTS OF FEAR

1) It's scary (1 John 4:18). 2) It prevents us from doing God's will (Mtt. 25:25; Ex. 3:11; Judges 7:2-3). 3) Brings defeat (Mtt. 26:35). 4) Brings on the very thing we fear (Job 3:25; Matt. 14:30). 5) It's contagious (Deut. 20:3-4; Joshua 14:7-8). 6) It paralyzes

#### 5. FEAR MAY BE OVERCOME

- 1) Remember the number of times in the Bible it says, "Fear not" and "Neither be afraid"
- 2) (1 Peter 3:14-17). 3) Keep your faith (Isaiah 26:3; Prov. 3:24-26 and 29:25).
- 4) God is your "Father" (Mtt. 6:9; Rms. 8:15). 5) Remember His presence (Josh 1:9).