

Faith & Power & Wisdom During the Corona Virus

Introduction

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” (II Timothy 1: 7, NKJV)

“God does not want us to be shy with His gifts, but bold and love and sensible.” (II Timothy 1: 7, MSG)

I was sitting today and preparing to have prayer tonight as we did this past Wednesday. I was going to give updates as I understand them on all of the rhetoric and health information that I have received.

As I was meditating the Lord spoke to me and said you need to teach tonight and begin to prepare my people on how to use their faith and their wisdom in the midst of this virus.

I) **The Focus of Faith**

The focus of faith is knowing in whom we believe. Faith more than understanding a particular promise—faith is knowing Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. (Hebrews 12: 2), focusing on the **Person** behind the promise more than the promise itself.

The word **looking** (aphorao) from apo away from and horao, to see. The word signifies undivided attention, looking away from all distractions in order to fix one’s gaze on one object. Aphorao in Hebrews 12: 2, is having eyes for no one but Jesus.

During this virus keep your focus, undivided attention, eyes stayed on Jesus.

This text notes a faith that centers in whom we believe. Vital faith rests in Him abides in Him (John 15: 4, 7) and cannot be separated from Him by any circumstance or power (Romans 8: 38, 39).

Faith is the outflow of a continual walk with Jesus, knowing Him—in whom we have believe. (Romans 10: 9 & 10; Hebrews 4: 11, 13)

II) **The Release of Power**

“For the word of God is living and powerful, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (Hebrews 4: 12, NKJV)

The word **powerful** (*energes*) (en-er-gace); Comparable in meaning to the English word “energetic”, which stems from this word *Energes*, it denotes something at work active, and effective.

God’s word energizes your faith so that it can become active and effective.

III) The Spirit of Fear

The spirit of fear may find a place by reason of one’s natural temperament, but is not merely a human disposition; it is not from God; and it can immobilize and torment its victims, making them feel powerless; and alone (I John 4: 18).

Indecision or wrong decisions are then made that could give place to bondage and great human suffering. In the face of fear, we are to remember our calling from God (I Timothy 1: 6,)

The primary application is ministry, but every believer has a measure of faith that can be stirred up by the word of God. So then we remind ourselves of what we possess and who possesses us.

We have within us:

1. The Power of God

Through the Holy Spirit, enabling us to no longer be victims.

2. The Perfect Love of God

It has been poured into our lives through Jesus Christ and His abiding presence (Romans 5: 5).

3. The Mind of Christ

By which we can apply the ways of God in making sound choices. Applying this truth determines whether we overcome fear or are overcome by it.

Remember James 4: 7, “*Submit to God, Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*”

IV) A Sound Mind

(*Sapronismos*) (**so-fron-is-moss**) A combination of *so* “safe” and “*phren*” the mind, hence, safe-thinking.

The word denotes good judgment, disciplined thought patterns, and the ability to understand and make right decisions. It includes the qualities of self-control and self-discipline.

Wisdom: James 1: 5: “*If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to you.*”

The wisdom which may be had by asking “in faith” is not intellectual knowledge or philosophical speculation, but spiritual understanding of the purpose of trials. When God grants a gift, He does so liberally and without reproach, that is generously and lovingly.

Matthew 10: 16: *“Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as servants and harmless as doves.”*

You must be wise this virus is real. You must not allow your fears to rule your lives. God is going to protect us and keep us.