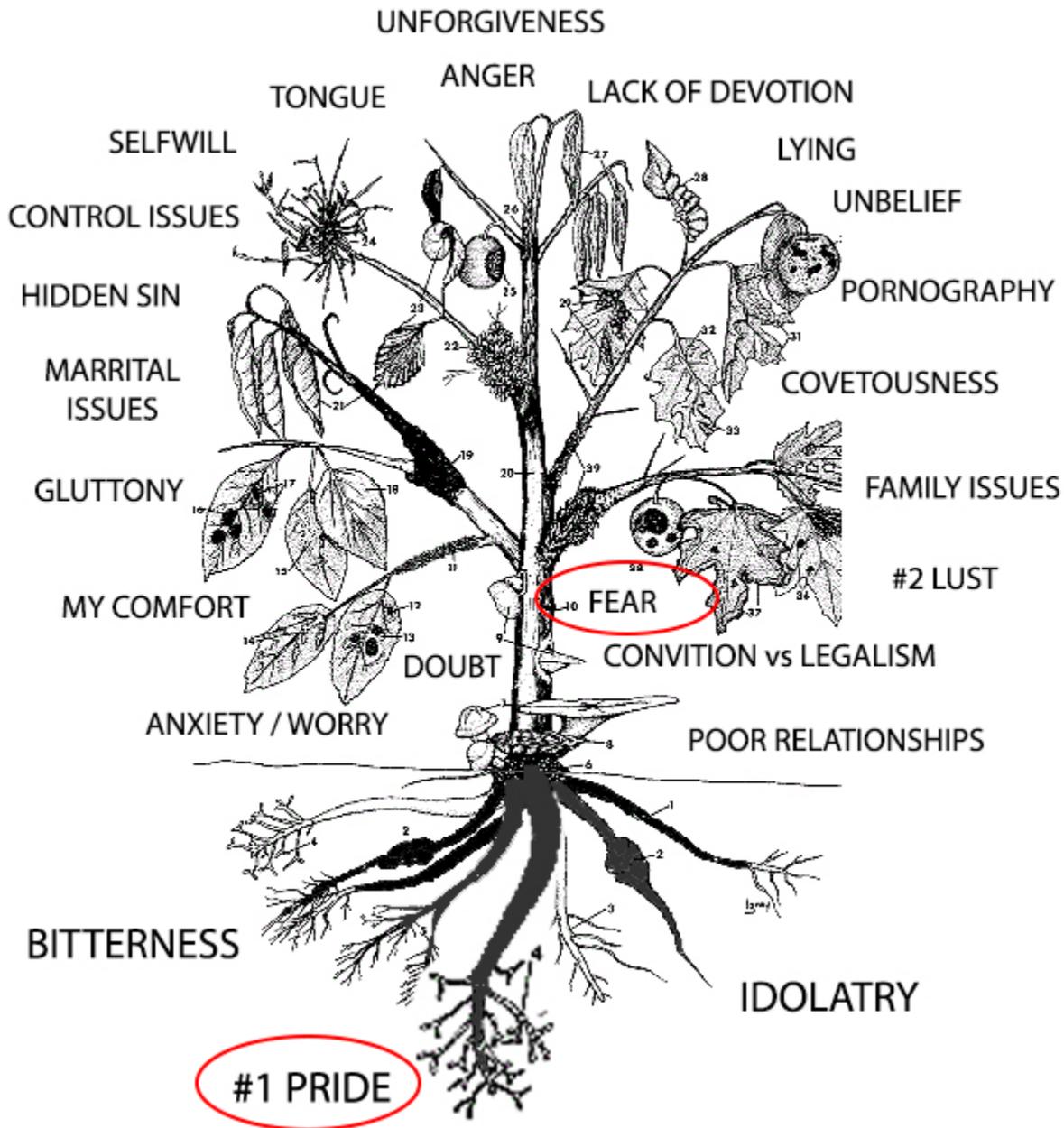


# Not Uncommon to Man- Fear

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. John 17:17

To continue our study, we are going to start out by addressing PRIDE which was the #1 issue that was repeated as a problem for men in our poll. PRIDE is a root of the outward fleshly manifestations as referenced in the dying tree or weed as seen here and this week we'll address the manifestation of **fear**.



To address the root and what springs up from it, we have come up with 5 questions to run it through as stated here.

1. What does the world say?
  - a. The culture, the flesh, the schemes of the enemy

2. How is my character affected?
  - a. Compromised, shame, self-loathing, mistrust
3. How is this affecting those closest to me?
  - a. God, The Church, wives, parents, siblings, children, co-workers
4. What does God say about it?
  - a. Diving into the scripture
5. Do I need to change my mindset about it?
  - a. Repentance, kingdom minded, calling, goal, mission, vision

In the first study, we discussed **"The Plan"** Do we know our calling and if so does this root Pride and manifestation of **FEAR** take us off that end goal/vision/mission/calling? To find out let's start with #1

## **#1 What does the world say?**

Fear is the main source of superstition, and one of the main sources of cruelty. To conquer fear is the beginning of wisdom.

**Bertrand Russell**

Fears are educated into us, and can, if we wish, be educated out.

**Karl Augustus Menninger**

Who sees all beings in his own self, and his own self in all beings, loses all fear.

**Isa Upanishad, Hindu Scripture**

Fear is only as deep as the mind allows.

**Japanese Proverb**

The enemy is fear. We think it is hate; but, it is fear.

**Gandhi**

## **#2 How is my character affected?**

Paralyzed, focusing on circumstances rather than God who is in control of all. Unbelieving, Complaining, Insecure, Worrier, Anxious

## **#3 How is this affecting those closest to me?**

Living in fear can cause those around us to feel insecure especially our wives and children. Takes others focus off God and places it on ourselves.

## **#4 What does God say about it?**

### **Isaiah 35:3-5**

<sup>3</sup>Encourage the exhausted, and strengthen the feeble.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those with anxious heart,

“Take courage, fear not.

Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance;

The recompense of God will come,

But He will save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind will be opened

And the ears of the deaf will be unstopped.

### **John 14:26-28**

<sup>26</sup>But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful. <sup>28</sup>You heard that I said to you, ‘I go away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

### **Joshua 1:7-10**

<sup>7</sup>Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go.<sup>8</sup>This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success. <sup>9</sup>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

### **Isaiah 43:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> But now, thus says the LORD, your Creator, O Jacob,

And He who formed you, O Israel,

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!

<sup>2</sup>“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

And through the rivers, they will not overflow you.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched,

Nor will the flame burn you.

<sup>3</sup>"For I am the LORD your God,  
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior;  
I have given Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in your place.

<sup>4</sup>"Since you are precious in My sight,  
*Since* you are honored and I love you,  
I will give *other* men in your place and *other* peoples in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup>"Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
And gather you from the west.

<sup>6</sup>"I will say to the north, 'Give *them* up!'  
And to the south, 'Do not hold *them* back.'

Bring My sons from afar  
And My daughters from the ends of the earth,  
<sup>7</sup>Everyone who is called by My name,  
And whom I have created for My glory,  
Whom I have formed, even whom I have made."

### **Acts 7:48-53**

<sup>48</sup>However, the Most High does not dwell in *houses* made by *human* hands; as the prophet says:

<sup>49</sup>'HEAVEN IS MY THRONE,  
AND EARTH IS THE FOOTSTOOL OF MY FEET;  
WHAT KIND OF HOUSE WILL YOU BUILD FOR ME?' says the Lord,  
'OR WHAT PLACE IS THERE FOR MY REPOSE?'

<sup>50</sup>'WAS IT NOT MY HAND WHICH MADE ALL THESE THINGS?'

<sup>51</sup>"You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did. <sup>52</sup>Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? They killed those who had previously announced the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become; <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as ordained by angels, and *yet* did not keep it."

### **Hebrews 3:12-19**

<sup>12</sup>Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. <sup>13</sup>But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of

sin. <sup>14</sup>For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end, <sup>15</sup>while it is said,

"TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,

DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME."

<sup>16</sup>For who provoked *Him* when they had heard? Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt *led* by Moses? <sup>17</sup>And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup>And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? <sup>19</sup>So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.

## **Romans 4:19-22**

<sup>19</sup>Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb; <sup>20</sup>yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, <sup>21</sup>and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform. <sup>22</sup>Therefore IT WAS ALSO CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

## **John 5:36-39**

<sup>36</sup>But the testimony which I have is greater than *the testimony of John*; for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish—the very works that I do—testify about Me, that the Father has sent Me.

<sup>37</sup>And the Father who sent Me, He has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time nor seen His form. <sup>38</sup>You do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He sent.

<sup>39</sup>You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me;

## **Titus 1:12-16**

<sup>12</sup>One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." <sup>13</sup>This testimony is true. For this reason reprove them severely so that they may be sound in the faith, <sup>14</sup>not paying attention to Jewish myths and commandments of men who turn away from the truth. <sup>15</sup>To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. <sup>16</sup>They profess to know God, but by *their* deeds they deny *Him*, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed.

## **2 Thessalonians 2:7-14**

<sup>7</sup>For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains *will do so* until he is taken out of the way. <sup>8</sup>Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; <sup>9</sup>*that is*, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, <sup>10</sup>and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. <sup>11</sup>For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, <sup>12</sup>in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

<sup>13</sup>But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. <sup>14</sup>It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd,  
I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside quiet waters.

<sup>3</sup>He restores my soul;  
He guides me in the paths of righteousness  
For His name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I fear no evil, for You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
You have anointed my head with oil;  
My cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life,  
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

### **Psalm 34:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>My soul will make its boast in the LORD; The humble will hear it and rejoice.

<sup>3</sup>O magnify the LORD with me,  
And let us exalt His name together.

<sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, and He answered me,  
And delivered me from all my fears.

<sup>5</sup>They looked to Him and were radiant,

And their faces will never be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him  
And saved him out of all his troubles.

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him,  
And rescues them.

## **Romans 8:36-39**

<sup>36</sup> Just as it is written,

"FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG;  
WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

<sup>37</sup>But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,<sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **Psalms 27:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the defense of my life;  
Whom shall I dread?

<sup>2</sup>When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh,  
My adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell.

<sup>3</sup>Though a host encamp against me,  
My heart will not fear; Though war arise against me,  
In *spite of* this I shall be confident.

<sup>4</sup>One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek:  
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,  
To behold the beauty of the LORD  
And to meditate in His temple.

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle;  
In the secret place of His tent He will hide me;  
He will lift me up on a rock.

<sup>6</sup>And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me,  
And I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.

## **Matthew 10:26-31**

<sup>26</sup> "Therefore do not fear them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear *whispered* in *your* ear, proclaim upon the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to

destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.

### **Romans 8:13-18**

<sup>13</sup>for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*.

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

### **Hebrews 13:5-8**

<sup>5</sup>*Make sure that* your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU," <sup>6</sup>so that we confidently say,

"THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID.  
WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday and today and forever.

Charles Spurgeon



Fear to fear. Be afraid to be afraid. Your worst enemy is within your own bosom. Get to your knees and cry for help, and then rise up saying, 'I will trust, and not be afraid.'

## **#5 Do I need to change my mindset about it? Am I guilty?**

**Based on the scriptures we just read, in what ways can we change our mindset about FEAR?**

GET INTO THE WORD DAILY, THE WORD IS TRUTH. **Believe Genesis 1:1 the rest is easy then.**  
Get Real! Confess one to another, repent (180 degree turn) and pray for one another.

Brothers we believe that we live in such a time (and what a privilege it is) that we need to be awake, vigilante, sober and full of the Holy Spirit having our lamps full of oil and the extra oil ready to go. God has given us everything we need to walk after Him to love Him with all our heart mind soul and strength, to love one another, and serve His set apart ones. Let's go to the stream and be the ones that cup the water to our mouths to drink and not have our heads down in the water lapping like dogs. Let's be Mighty Men of Valor. (Judges 7)

1 Corinthians 10:13

<sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.