

Don't Let Fear Stop You

What's holding you back from fulfilling your godly purpose? Have you fallen prey to some sin and now you're afraid God doesn't love you? Do you listen to the enemy's lies about who you are? Whatever the cause, fear is keeping you from your destiny.

When you see fear coming or sense its presence, face it. Fear is rooted in deception. But when you discover the truth of God's Word, you begin to see yourself as God sees you. The Holy Spirit wants to change the way we think.

Scripture says: "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-this is your spiritual act of worship. 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 (Romans 12: 1-2, NKJV).

When we open up our lives to fear, it won't be long before despair and even disobedience comes in. We start to rely on self and not faith in God.

Romans 8:5 says, "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit" (NKJV, emphasis added).

When we walk in the Spirit, God changes our thinking and empowers us to live according to His directives, not our feelings.

We don't have to live lives characterized by fear. We can live confidently and carry out His will in the earth. God hasn't given you a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound, well-disciplined mind (see 2 Tim. 1:7). So whatever you've

been called to do for Christ, step out in faith knowing He will order your steps to the pathway of destiny.