

Pastor Danny and Jenny's Daily Updates

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Pro 29:25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe. We have been studying from this text the last two Wednesday Nights . As I pondered this verse, I began to think about the “fear of the devil”. Many people fear the devil and demons. It occurred to me that I did not fear the devil – because I have revelation concerning his defeat and my freedom from his power.

Thank God! God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind (IITim. 1:7) Along with revelation concerning my victory over him in Christ, I also realize that I must “stay out of the devil's territory”. (Ephesians 4:27) What do you mean by this Pastor Danny? Well, you can't go back in the darkness and dabble in sin. Everything the devil has, has a “hook” with it. If you go messing with areas of darkness, you're going to get “hooked” or in bondage. When you get back under the devil's authority through disobedience you give him access once again to your life.

What is the answer then? Stay free! Repent quick if you get off track. Don't let the sun go down on your wrath (Ephesians 4:26). Be like Joseph. Run out of that place of compromise – and leave your coat behind if you have to! (Genesis 39:12).

As I pondered this area concerning the fear of the devil, the Lord began to deal with me about the “fear of man”. There are similar yet different dynamics regarding the fear of man. One difference is that where we have authority of the devil and every power of darkness, we do not always have authority over “humans”. God gave man a free will and he can choose to go contrary to God's will or our will as he pleases. Knowing this can give us a feeling of vulnerability where “people” are concerned, and even open the door to the “fear of man”

As I thought upon this, I discovered two significant areas that are significant areas to be aware of. One is the promises we have in God's Word concerning his protection from the harm of man.

Psa 118:6 The LORD *is* on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

Jos 1:5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

If we are not careful we can feel intimidated by man. Yet the Lord has promised man would not prevail and that He would fight our battles.

Psa 3:6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set *themselves* against me round about.

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So, as I meditated further on this subject I began to see a big “open door” where the fear of man can have access to our lives.

Just as we have to “stay out of the devil's territory” we must also “stay out of wrong relationships” with people. These wrong relationships can bring connections in our lives to a lot of heartache.

Here are some areas that we must address:

The relationship of a believer to a non believer

The relationship of a believer with another believer who is choosing to walk in sin and not repent

The relationship with a believer and those who are generating strife and division The various levels of relationship in a believer's life – who we allow access to our intimate fellowship.

A breach in any of these areas can cause our “good manners” to be corrupted. We can open ourselves up to a “snare”.

1Co 15:33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

Be Blessed! Pastor Danny