

1Tim. 4:16. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

Life is so complex that it is a must for us to understand ourselves. When you understand yourself life becomes simple. Life is simply a number 1, or, a number 2. That's all there is to life. Two things. These two things are two emotions that determine your attitude. When you decide to adopt this one attitude then life is only a number 1. No longer are there two things to choose from. There is only one and really there is no choice with this 1. It becomes a must. With this single attitude you are in firm control of your life. The number one attitude is Love. Let me explain.

Out of all the things that can happen to us in life we have only two emotions with which to react, two choices from which to adopt a single attitude. Two emotions, two choices, two opposite directions that put you in control or leave you out of control.

These two emotions are LOVE, and, FEAR. They are ignited by the thoughts we think. Take some time and think that through your memory data base. All the unpleasant things that have happened to you were unpleasant only because of the fear that you were not getting your own way. Release the fear and "Who Cares." This is true even in the death of a loved one. When a loved one dies immediately we are gripped with the fear that they are really dead and we will never see them again. We keep wanting to see them just one more time and fear says they are gone and you can't do it. This fear lingers even for years. Fear has torment. Fear is not of God. Fear is of the devil.

It is by submitting ourselves to God's word that we become like Him. A desire to be like Him leads us toward perfection. We can be perfect in love and perfect love casts out fear. Submitting to love will force you to release, cast out, fear. Love casts out fear. Love has one enemy and that is fear. Love says fear must go. It cannot stay. There is no room for love and fear to dwell in the same dwelling. Love is a jealous God and will not share His possessions with fear. Fear and God are opposites. Resist fear and it will flee from you. Draw near to love and it will come close to you.

All the promises of God are based on the quality He has built into you. God made man to be like He is in spirit and in image. Man is made in the image and the likeness of God. In Gen. 1:31 He called His creation "very good." The promises God made to man are based on this "very good" quality. Man can love like God loves. That is powerful. When I look at the quality and potential of man and then look at the promises God made to him I conclude that God has some very great plans for people. His word He will do and His word we can do. It is God's dream, God's will, that we submit to His word. God made us to be like He is.

The promises of God are made to reveal the unseen forces that belong to our kingdom. These forces can be harnessed by faith and produce great things for God. God wants us to get excited and by faith and works put these promises into action. By works faith is made perfect. He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. He subjected us to hope that we might obtain the promises. Out of these promises will come a man that has the divine nature of God. He knows how God thinks and acts toward people. He can ask what he will because he only wants what God wants.

We need to search His word for new meaning and learn these lessons from within. It is from the inside of man that proceeds the greatness that will help us to lift fallen man. God made us to be like He is, With a freedom that is the foundation of His creed. Whoso looketh into this perfect law of liberty, Shall be a man who is blessed in his deed. Jesus is waiting on us.