



# The Examiners

Examining the Scripture daily to see whether these things were so...Acts 17:11

## BUILDING CONFIDENCE ON GOD CONFIDENCE

CONQUERING FEAR OF MEN  
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There is nothing in this world as being the victim of someone or something. You can only be a victim of your own unrestrained and unresolved fear.

Words of warning concerning not overcoming fear:

- Overcoming fear is a mandate to every believer and is a skill that everyone can learn and practice, not unless one is like most people who cling to their fear.
- If you refuse to let go of your fear, but obeying it as your master, giving in to its demands because it's part of who you are, then you have been grieving and quenching the Holy Spirit.
- If you are not willing to start overcoming your fear, you probably would not overcome it at all.
- If you think there is nothing wrong with not overcoming your fear, you might die in your fear through sin unto death.

Fear means lack of confidence on God. Do you have confidence in:

- God's power in your weakness
- God's wisdom in your confusion
- God's grace in your unworthiness
- God's mercy in your failure and sins
- God's sympathy in your pains and agony
- God's faithfulness in your unfaithfulness
- God's immutability in your wickedness
- God's happiness in your unhappiness
- God's eternal life in your doubts

Basic preparation for overcoming your fear:

- **Consciousness:** You must be conscious that your fear is causing disorder and chaos in your life.
- **Detachment:** You need to understand that you have to detach yourself from your emotion.
- **Identification:** You have to pinpoint each specific fear that has been harassing your soul.
- **Definition:** You have to investigate your fears and define what arouses each fear.
- **Prepare to launch into doctrinal study:** Your only solution to fear is Bible doctrine, so don't turn your back from it.

Useless cosmic ways of handling fear:

- Taking a deep breath before you do anything
- Telling yourself that you are not afraid
- Using the emotional freedom techniques
- Fingertips meridian points massage
- Questioning yourself while focusing on your fear
- Get into some work to forget your fear
- Hypnosis to program the right thinking
- Eliminating the negative beliefs
- Getting into positive thinking
- Gratefully counting your blessings
- Telling yourself that you are a winner
- Writing down your fear on paper
- Find someone who will listen to you
- Talk about how you are dealing with your fear
- Find a good therapist
- Go for neurologist or psychiatrist
- Find a life coach to guide your journey
- Reading books about overcoming fear
- Make action and face your fear
- Watch movies about those who overcome fear
- Change diet and get into good eating habit
- Think positively whenever fear strikes
- Put all your negative thought in perspective
- Surrender to what is more powerful
- Listen or read the story of others
- Help others to overcome their fears
- Convince yourself that there is reason for it
- Find a role model winner to follow
- Pray and ask your God for guidance
- Get into yoga training program
- Keep asking yourself and others about fear
- Understand your failure and keep moving
- Explore the roots of your fear
- Get into meditation and breathing exercises

Courage toward men and circumstances is a visible functional virtue supported and dependent on the invisible motivational virtue called confidence toward God. No one will have courage without first possessing the virtue of confidence. Confidence on God is built by Bible doctrine metabolized, resident and functional in the soul. No one will be successful in overcoming and eliminating fear lastingly without the Holy Spirit and Bible doctrine renewing the mind. The Mind of Christ, Bible doctrine, in your soul forms the character of Christ in your life. You acquire virtue, honor, and integrity to gain capacity to appreciate God and enjoy His blessings.

Christian integrity and virtue is first directed toward God and then toward man. God's emphasis must precede people emphasis. The functional virtues toward mankind always depend on the motivational virtues directed toward God. The functional virtue cannot be mixed with motivational virtues without destroying God's perfect design.

The visible functional virtues are directed toward men and circumstances which are the functions of the believer's royal ambassadorship:

- Morality
- Courage
- Impersonal love

The invisible motivational virtues directed toward God are the functions of the believer's royal priesthood:

- Worship
- Confidence
- Personal love

The factors that arouse fear are inevitable but allowing fear to affect you is avoidable. The ultimate solution to fear is confidence toward God.

For example, the believer's knowledge and understanding of the divine essence will overcome his fear:

- Sovereignty: God is the absolute ruler, authority and personally in charge of your life.
- Love: God personally loves you as believer and will not change His love toward you.
- Justice: God is your perfect Judge who sees to it that you receive fair treatment in everything.
- Eternal life: God gave you His eternal life that no one can take away from you.
- Omnipotence: God will do everything for you according to His perfect plan for you.
- Omniscience: God knows everything about you and He knows every minute details of it.
- Omnipresence: God is always available for you and will never leave or forsake you.
- Immutability: God is unchangeable and He will never change toward you.
- Veracity: God is truth and He will never be untrue to you come what may.

Reasons for undeveloped confidence of Christians:

- The pastors are not teaching Bible doctrine.
- Christians have negative volition toward God and His Bible doctrine.
- Most Christians are merely spectators rather than participators in executing the will of God.
- Churches emphasize activities rather than Bible doctrine.
- Most Christian talk about faith without the reality of applying the Word of God in life experience.

True confidence in God lies in the object of our faith which is Lord Jesus Christ based on God's immanence, essence and transcendence. True confidence in God always:

- Provide tremendous spiritual energy
- Produces power to overcome the odds
- Penetrates the deep thought of unbelief
- Presents sacrifices with solid determination
- Performs self-discipline with dedication
- Purifies and removes the fear of failure or defeat
- Produces the belief in doing the unbelievable
- Points the faithless hearts to go back to God
- Produces right motivation to do the right things
- point the unbelievers toward God
- Penalizes the faithless and unbelieving

Four basic types of confidence in the world:

- Godly confidence – true faith in the true God
- Religious confidence – pseudo faith in false god
- Self confidence – trust in personal abilities
- Unrealistic confidence – trust in things

Dangerous cosmic environment:

- We are surrounded by disrespectful and insolent people toward God (Rom. 2:24, Prov. 30:9, Rev. 16:9). Religion in reality is causing people to treat God with pseudo-respect camouflage under sacrifices, activities, gifts and good works.
- We are surrounded by people who discredit God and attribute what God has done on someone or something else (Psa. 111:9, Micah 4:5, 1 Tim. 6:1)
- We are surrounded by Christians who dishonor God by their life and practices (2 Tim. 1:15, 2:16-19, 4:10, Titus 1:10, Hebrews 12:15).
- We are surrounded by Christians who are both dishonorable before God and discouragement to fellow believers (Jer. 12:1).
- We are surrounded by Christians who habitually and deliberately sin against God (Ps 73:1-16, Neh. 9:28-31, Eccl. 8:11, Mt 24:48-51).
- We are surrounded by Christians who deny God by continually rejecting the perception, learning, understanding and application of Bible doctrine (1 Peter 3:15, 2 Tim. 1:7-8, 1 Cor. 15:58).
- We are surrounded by lukewarm Christians who refuse to grow and advance in the plan of God.
- We are surrounded by people who are hostile and antagonistic toward God and the Word of God.

Basic truth related to confidence on God:

- Everyone that seeks the Lord will find Him.
- Everyone that trusts in the Lord continue to know His will, plan, purpose, His grace and to enjoy sweet communion with Him.
- Everyone that trusts in the Lord will confirm His faithfulness by application of Bible doctrine to life experience as sign of spiritual growth.

#### Contrast between faith and unbelief in action:

- Faith made the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea. Unbelief made them doubt the faithfulness of God in the wilderness.
- Faith made Peter walked on the water. Unbelief made him sink.
- Faith believes the Scripture. Unbelief questions the guarantee of its promises.
- Faith believes the Word of God because it's true. Unbelief doubts because it is truth.
- Faith seems more in the promises of God to get through any barrier. Unbelief turn away from doing what is possible.
- Faith waits upon God to do His perfect plan and purpose in the believer's life. Unbelief will seek help from man.
- Faith will give comfort in the midst of fears. Unbelief causes fears in the midst of comfort.
- Faith can find the greatest comfort in the midst of the worst disaster. Unbelief cannot find a little encouragement in time of peace.
- Faith makes the greatest burden easy and light. Unbelief makes the light burden unbearable.
- Faith helps us when we are down. Unbelief throws us down when we are up.
- Faith brings us near to God when we are far from Him. Unbelief puts us far from God when we are near to Him.
- Faith makes the mind focus on the pure things. Unbelief keeps the mind polluted.
- Faith makes the believer see the preciousness and beauty of the Lord. Unbelief can see only the ugliness of man.
- Faith makes us fulfill the plan of God. Unbelief makes us keep searching for something in the world.
- Faith makes us focus on the precious things above. Unbelief makes us love the world and the things of the world.
- Faith gives us the victory over the law of sin, death and the devil. Unbelief lays us slave to them obeying kind o lusts and passions.
- Faith shows us the invisible but real excellent things in God. Unbelief sees only the things visible but unreal things of the world.
- Faith makes the ways of God satisfying, fabulous and fantastically enjoyable. Unbelief makes the plan and will of God heavy and rigid for us.
- Faith builds out confidence through the Word of God. Unbelief makes us lingers in our fears.
- Faith throws away our fear as garbage of the soul. Unbelief holds fear as treasure of faithless and ignorant believers.
- Faith eliminates every kind of fear that harasses our souls and conform us to the image of Lord Jesus Christ. Unbelief makes fear our dictator and master that manipulate our life to conform in the image of Satan.

#### Satan and demons stealing your confidence on God:

- Satan blocked the believers from knowing and understanding bible doctrine to keep them away from the truth.
- Satan uses the voice of your guilty conscience soaked in sins to despise on your own shame before God due to ignorance of the believer's position in Christ (1 John 3:21).
- Satan uses fear to make the ignorant believers question and malign faithfulness of God (Prov. 14:26). The solution here is to master of the doctrine of divine essence and divine attributes.
- Satan uses deception and distraction (Prov. 21:22) to divert the believer's focus into the cosmic system and suggests the believers to blame God for all their failure in the spiritual life.
- Satan makes the believer impatient to wait upon the Lord disregarding God's perfect timing (Prov. 25:19) and seeking immediate fast human solution and them motivates the believer to accuse God of being unfaithful (Heb. 6:17-18).

#### How Satan is stealing confidence from believers:

- Isolation: keeping the positive volition believer isolated and secluded away from the Bible doctrine until they become fearful and anxious.
- Fear: keeping the believer away from Bible doctrine capitalizing on fear using the details of life (protection of the physical life) until the believers increase their appetite for the world.
- Arrogance: keeping the believer away from Bible doctrine by substituting their frantic search for happiness in the world and things of the world until they reject the Word of God in 3 stages (that is refusing to hear, think, metabolized and apply Bible doctrine to life experience).
- Frustration: Keeping the believer away from Bible doctrine by intensifying their search for happiness and becoming antagonistic toward the communicator of Bible doctrine until they become antagonistic toward God.
- Antagonism: keeping the believer away from Bible doctrine until they receive the sin unto death discipline.

#### Spiritual confidence principles:

- It is the results of the resident Bible doctrine in the soul of the believer (Phil. 1:25).
- You do not need to know everything about God and His plan to gain confidence on God.
- It is to know and understand who and what God is (divine essence and attributes).
  - Knowing how God operates.
  - Knowing what God has done for us.
  - Knowing what God wants to do for us at the present through Christ.
- It is to accept that fact that your faith will be tested to produce endurance (Rom. 5:3-4).

The acceleration of confidence and courage:

- Normal: through the believer's daily, progressive and systematic intake of Bible doctrine.
- Rigidly: through momentum sufferings when the believers attain spiritual adulthood.
- Victoriously: through application of the divine solving problem devices (epignosis: metabolized Bible doctrine in the soul).

Your study of Bible doctrine today will prepare you for future victory. Your victory today in Christ will prepare your mind for more future victory. Confidence on God will have the fortitude to face anything in the future while unbelief will make anyone retreat even after a series of victory (Gen. 15-1-10).

The more you know and understand the Word of God, the more confidence you have. The more Bible doctrine you have in your soul, the more you are free from worry and fear. The more you understand that it does not depend upon you that give you more effective confidence on God. Knowing what God has for you in the future eliminates fear and worry (Gen. 15:13-16).

Faith and worry cannot co-exist. You cannot have spiritual victory while worrying. Under the notion of worrying you are trying to solve your problems through human solution instead of letting God solve them. Worrying is human system attempting to solve your problem without God. You have to resign as problem solver of your problems and let God take over without the intention of firing Him out.

God solving your problems vs. you solving your problems:

- If God solves your problems, you have nothing to worry about. If you solve your problems, you will be in state of constant anxiety.
- If God solves your problems, success is sure. If you solve your own problems, you will be failing.
- If you solve your problem while out of fellowship with God, all your decisions and action will fail. If you let God solve your problems even the unsolvable, things will turn on favor of you (Rom. 8:28). God will solve your problem if you let Him.

The confident believer under failure and defeat:

- Although he failed, God will not fail him. In his failure God is gracious and never withhold His help from him to recover and gain momentum.
- Defeat and failure is never an issue before God for His love does not depend on how bad or how good we are but on His perfect nature.
- Winning spiritual battle means overcoming not only one but multiple issues all at the same time. For example, Abraham military victory in Genesis chapter 15 involved magnanimity toward Lot, right mental attitude toward wealth, priority and motivation in life.

The basis of our confidence toward God is the essence and attributes of God. The basis of our confidence is the strongest thing we can find in the entire creation and therefore it is not designed to produce lousy, passive and retracting faith when under pressure.

Alarming truth concerning the devil and your worry:

- Satan and his demons are not interested in believers who have no interest and have not concentrating on the Word of God. They are not interested with believers who are not filled with the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.
- Negative volition believers have no ground to blame the demons for their failure and demon because they are responsible for that. Most believers make their own trouble that demons do not even have to bother with them.
- When believers do not cast their cares on the Lord (1 Peter 5:8-9), Satan got hold on them since those fear factor's belong to him. Worrying believers need not concern about demons chasing them because when they worry they are already inside the demonic realm.
- The devil promotes and encourages the believers to worry by providing the anxiety factors.

The silent killer of faith and confidence toward God:

- The slaughter house of confidence is worrying.
- The believers do not have any basis for worrying since God is in full responsibility over our life.
- Worry is rejection of God's promises, provision and protection.
- Worry is ignorance of grace provision and refusal to use divine resources.
- Worrying is a mental attitude sin, a way of life contrary to the grace plan of God.

Satan frustrating the will of God in the life of believers:

- Satan frustrates the operational will of God (what God wants me to do: James 4:7-8) in the life of believers by encouraging them to involve in the things of the world deeply and seriously.
- Satan frustrates the geographical will of God (where does God want me to be: 1 Thess. 2:18) in the life of the believer by bringing them in places where there is no Bible doctrine but with all the pleasures to gratify their lusts.
- Satan frustrates viewpoint will of God (What God wants me to think: Eph. 4:14) in the life of the believers by constantly polluting their mind with the worries and concern of the world.

The only way you can build a life of faith and confidence is through the Word of God and your greatest contribution to Satan's kingdom is to stay away from Bible doctrine class and spend the rest of your life under fear and worry.

