

The word "Fear" is found in 78 verses of the New Testament. But, it appears 84 times in those 78 verses. Fear is an awful thing. It takes a toll upon all who let it into their lives. From what little that I have learned during these years of my life as a Christian, I do not believe that God wants us to be afraid. Listen to what some of heaven's authorities have to say:

Matthew 1:19-20 KJV Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. (20) But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, <u>fear not</u> to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 10:25-26 KJV (Jesus Speaking) (25) It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more *shall they call* them of his household? (26) <u>Fear them not</u> therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

Matthew 10:29-31 KJV (Jesus Speaking) Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. (30) But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. (31) Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Here are three good examples of Heaven's advice concerning "Fear". <u>"Fear Not"</u> <u>The thing about</u> <u>"Fear" is, that FEAR is not from God:</u>

2 Timothy 1:7 KJV For <u>God hath not given us the spirit of fear</u>; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

If God has not given use the spirit of fear, and Jesus and the Angels did not want us to be afraid, then who gave us the spirit of fear? There is an unseen realm called the spirit world, where angels, demons live, (The origin of FEAR). In 2 Timothy 1:7 KJV, <u>Fear is called a spirit</u>. The Bible plainly says, that <u>God</u> has not given us the spirit of fear. Notice <u>"spirit"</u> has a small <u>"s"</u>, meaning, that He was not talking about the <u>Holy Spirit</u>, Who is always reverenced as God, and almost always with a Capital <u>"S"</u>. Fear is not what God wants for us. Did you know, that Faith is the direct opposite of Fear. When we walk in Fear, we are not believing God. For us to be like Jesus, we must walk in <u>"Faith"</u>.

Hebrews 11:6 KJV But without <u>faith</u> it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Romans 1:17 KJV For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, *The just shall live by <u>faith</u>*.

Galatians 3:11 KJV But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is* evident: for, *The just shall live by <u>faith.</u>*

Hebrews 10:38 KJV Now *the just shall live by <u>faith</u>*: but if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

1 John 4:17-19 KJV Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. <u>(faith)</u> (18) There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out <u>fear</u>: because <u>fear hath torment</u>. He that <u>feareth</u> is not made perfect in love. (19) We love him, because he first loved us. (Faith)

Faith and the Love of God walk hand in hand! Being afraid is not showing faith toward God, but doubt. 1 John 4:18 KJV There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Did you know that many churches are filled with many preachers, at ease in Zion - Who are digging deep spiritual holes and hiding many needed, God given, talents. 2 Timothy 4:2 KJV Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.