

## How to Know If You Are Being Controlled by Fear

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### Scriptures:

- 2 Timothy 1:7
- 2 Timothy 1:7, *NLT*
- Genesis 3:8, *NLT*
- Genesis 3:8
- Hebrews 2:14, 15
- Romans 8:31
- 2 Corinthians 5:7
- Isaiah 41:10
- 1 John 4:4
- 1 Timothy 6:12
- Psalm 91:7
- Colossians 1:27, 28
- Colossians 1:28, *NIV*
- 1 John 4:18, *NLT*
- Matthew 16:21-23, *NLT*
- Matthew 4:1-7, *NLT*

### Summary:

*Christians are called to be bold and confident. It's not God's will that we're fearful or afraid of anything. Satan uses fear to control us; we therefore must be extremely sensitive to its presence in our lives. It's dangerous not to know God through a personal relationship with Him, because Satan uses our ignorance of God to make his words of fear sound like God's Word. A solid grounding in the Word keeps us from being deceived.*

### Notes:

1. The whole world has fallen prey to fear, but God wants to deliver us from it. God's children do *not* have to tolerate fear. When fear is allowed, it becomes bondage. Satan needs us to operate in fear in order for *his* words to come to pass.
2. When we tolerate fear, it steals our focus; whatever we focus on is what we give strength to. We must therefore focus on the Word and confess it when Satan attacks us with fear. God's Word is always stronger than the enemy's words.
3. It's one thing to be cautious and aware, but another to be completely overwhelmed by fear. The devil uses the things we see and hear to destroy our focus and make us afraid; fear destroys our faith and trust in God.
4. Faith must not be confused with foolishness. Faith is living by God's Word; fear is being afraid to do what His Word says. Using common sense is fine as long as we refuse to let fear motivate us.
5. There's an abundance of information in the world that doesn't come from God. If we're not grounded in the Word, fear will sound like God's voice.

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