

Truth and Spirit Ministries

Do Not Fear

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In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus foretold that in the last days before His return that men's hearts would fail them with fear. (Luke 21:26) Although this may be true of those in the world, the Church is to walk to the beat of a different drum and that is by faith in God. No matter what is happening in the world, we must always trust in the Lord for our protection provision and peace. In the wake of a greatly troubled economic climate in the U.S. and across the globe, God spoke to me recently about walking by faith and not fear:

God does not bless fear but He blesses faith. We cannot let our circumstances predict our future. The world at large is motivated and moved by their fears. The Church however must be motivated and moved by *faith*. The darker the times appear to the world, the brighter the light of God's Kingdom will appear and the reality of the supernatural for those who believe.

It is not to be a time of fear for us but a time of giving thanks to God. As we put God first in our lives, take stock in our blessings and count them, our thanksgiving will overflow into many more blessings. If we are in the right frame of mind and walking in the Spirit by faith today, we can receive abundant blessings and favor from God. As we walk according to the guiding principles of the Kingdom of God (faith) instead of the kingdoms of this world (fear), it will be a *good* time for the people of God instead of bad. Remember, "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, of love and a sound mind." (*II Timothy 1:7*)

In such complicated and confused times as these, it is good to simplify our lives. If we are economically challenged, we can learn to separate our needs from our wants, the important from the unimportant in order to be good stewards over what God has given us.

Watch for doors of opportunities to open - opportunities to help others out of a pure heart and not selfish gain. As you help others, you will automatically attract blessings and favor to yourself.

This is also a time to watch for investment potential. We must be able to hear from God and receive His guidance and direction as opportunities arise. There will be a transfer of wealth to the saints. God will provide supernatural provision, open doors and give opportunities to His people. As we put Him first, trust Him and walk by faith, God will cause us to gain and not lose.

Regarding hearing from God and making decisions, I want to share an analogy with you that has helped me over the years.

Hearing from God is much like a traffic light in our spirits.

A Red Light – is a clear signal in your spirit to STOP! You know for certain that God is showing you *not* to say or do something.

A Yellow Light – is an area of uncertainty in your spirit. You are not sure if you can make it through this light before it turns RED. For you it is an area filled with doubts, ifs, might's and maybes. Be very cautious! You can mess up easily when you have a yellow light because you are so unsure about things. Don't do anything at this time. Slow down and stop and wait upon the Lord until you know for certain what He wants you to do or not do.

A Green Light – is a clear signal in your spirit to GO ahead! You have no doubts or ifs about this one but are confident that this is what God wants for you. At times, it may just be a deep inner "knowing" in your spirit or God will speak to you in that still, small voice or you will have a peaceful assurance deep in your innermost being.

These will be challenging times and there will appear to be giants in the land but God will give us grace and favor to overcome them. For those who are the children of God however, these can also be the most wonderful times of our lives, if we put our complete trust in Him.