

#29. *Armoured With Faith, Part II*

...in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

REVIEW:

- Walking worthy/in love/in the light/wisely
- Standing firm against the devil: his deceitful schemes
- Gird your loins, put on the breastplate, shod your feet...

TODAY (and last Sunday) : *“the shield of faith”*

- **The problem:** Temptations to actually disobey God
- **The protection:** *faith*: the desire and ability to trust and obey God

TAKING UP THE SHIELD OF FAITH

1. Be clear on the obedience you are called to
2. Be committed to obeying God
3. Be consistent in giving in to the godly desire

1. “Walking by faith” and “standing firm in the faith” means living each moment trusting God enough to obey Him

2 Corinthians 5:7

for we walk by faith, not by sight...

1 Corinthians 16:13

Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

2. Obedience to God is based on trust in God

3. Trusting God is obedience to God

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.

Philippians 4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Matthew 6:25-34

For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life... Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?'...So do not worry about tomorrow

Luke 12:4-7

I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him! Are not five sparrows sold for two cents? Yet not one of them is forgotten before God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.

4. Worrying and being afraid is disobedience to God

A – AVOID as much as is possible and reasonable the sights and situations that arouse unfitting desire.

N – Say NO to every lustful thought within five seconds. And say it with the authority of Jesus Christ.

T – TURN the mind forcefully toward Christ as a superior satisfaction.

H – HOLD the promise and the pleasure of Christ firmly in your mind until it pushes the other images out.

E – ENJOY a superior satisfaction. Cultivate the capacities for pleasure in Christ.

M – MOVE into a useful activity away from idleness and other vulnerable behaviors.

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