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WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"What a fearful hour we are living in"

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What a fearful hour we are living in. Men are fearful of nuclear war. They are fearful of losing their jobs, fearful of the recession, about their children and fearful about morals. In the midst of so much fear and worry the words of the Apostle Paul to Timothy in II Timothy 1:7 seem strange indeed. He said, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." If God has not given us fear where is all this fear coming from? Paul says that God has given us power and this power to bear up under trials, to triumph in persecution and to overcome the world. He has also given us love and this is love of God, of country, of home, of family and of the brethren. This kind of love will give us courage and determination to come out on top. He has also given us a sound mind. In the Greek this word denotes a sober mind.

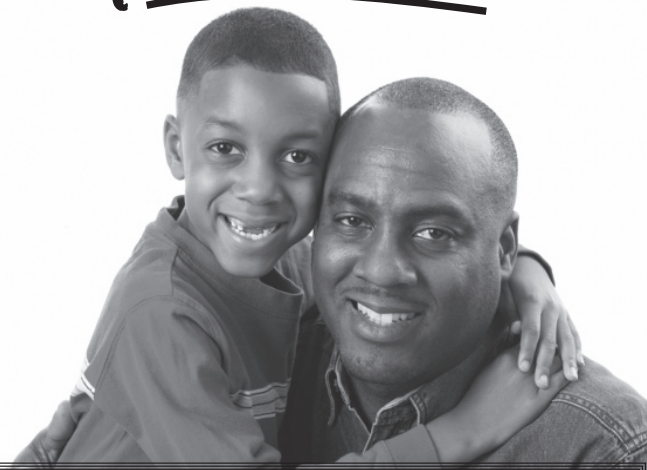
This means a mind that is well balanced and under the right influences. It sees things in proper perspective and proportion.

Where does fear come from? Not from God but fear comes from our own

uncertainty and our own feelings of inadequacy. We do not know how we are going to change the situations around us and so our mind and spirit give way to numbing paralyzing fear. Every-

thing looks hopeless. We see only darkness and know only despair. Again Timothy says that God did not give this fear to us.

How then do we get power, love and a sound mind? The scripture is very clear. We get it from God. The writer to Hebrews says "If God be for us who can stand against us?" If we could only understand it. It simply means that God and one man, any one man who walks with God, can be a majority. We need first of all to settle our relationship with God. Paul says, "It is Christ in you that is the hope of glory." With Christ's life as our life we may have confidence toward the future for as Paul told the Philippians, "My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Let us not fear but let us rather have faith in God and fear will have to find a new home to dwell in.



Fathers

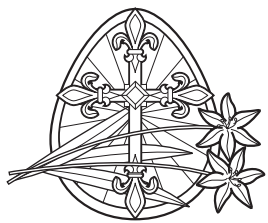
Are fathers as tough as they seem? Maybe not...
Yes, most fathers seem brave and strong, but they may not always feel that way. Sometimes fathers are grouchy, or unusually talkative, or strangely quiet...sometimes they just aren't themselves.
How can we let our father know he's special, no matter what? We can tell him we love him; that he is the best father in the world.
Most importantly, remind him that his Heavenly Father loves him unceasingly and spend time together at your house of worship each week.
Finally, give him a big hug. Fathers need loving, too.

Sunday Acts 8.4-25	Monday Acts 8.26-40	Tuesday Acts 17.1-15	Wednesday Acts 17.16-34	Thursday Acts 18.1-28	Friday Acts 19.1-20	Saturday Acts 19.21-41
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