

## Lesson 80 Answers and Comments

Avoiding	vain	us	not
Vain	worship	lips	commandments
Babblings	doctrines	hearts	doctrines
Science	commandments	vain	
Falsely	commandment	worship	
Word	God	many	
Canker	tradition	things	
Seducers	men	reject	
Deceiving	many	commandment	
Deceived	word	keep	
Form	God	own	
Sound	none	tradition	
Words	effect	Honour	
Not	tradition	father	
Sound	traditions	mother	
Doctrine	fathers	curseth	
Men	remember	die	
World	all	death	
Commandment	keep	ought	
God	ordinances	rudiments	
None	delivered	world	
Effect	hold	subject	
Tradition	traditions	ordinances	
Vain	taught	touch	
Worship	word	not	
Doctrines	epistle	taste	
Commandments	tradition	not	
Men	received	handle	

Many “tradition” followers are quite zealous in their activity. Paul says of unsaved Israel that they have a “zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.” Paul says that the legalizers at Galatia “zealously affect you”.

Does the zeal of some of the religious people surpass our own??

Paul says “But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing...”

Is the rightly divided word of God causing our heart to burn with compelling desire to live godly lives?

This should be our prayer and reality! Our opponents are fierce, aggressive, relentless. Let us not grow weary in the battle! The riches of God’s grace to us in Christ should swell into an urgent need to apply it and make it known!

## Lesson 81 Pitfall of Fear

II Tim. 1:7, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear: but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

One of the greatest hindrances to usefulness in our Christian experience can be fear. Fear has the ability to enslave us. Heb. 2:15 "And deliver them who through \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ were all their \_\_\_\_\_ subject to \_\_\_\_\_."

Paul is writing our verse to Timothy. Timothy did not have the strongest physical constitution.

I Tim. 5:23, "Drink no longer water, but use a \_\_\_\_\_ wine for; thy \_\_\_\_\_ sake and thine \_\_\_\_\_."

Timothy's emotional constitution seems to be on the weak side too.

I Cor. 16:10, "Now if \_\_\_\_\_ come, see that he may be with you \_\_\_\_\_..." vs. 11 "Let no man \_\_\_\_\_ him: but conduct him forth in \_\_\_\_\_..." Paul had to tell him to \_\_\_\_\_ up the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, in II Tim. 1:6 and not to be \_\_\_\_\_ of the testimony of the Lord or of Paul in vs 8 of II Tim. 1.

If someone like Timothy needed to be encouraged to be courageous it goes without saying that we can use it too. What kind of fear are we talking about?

We know that there is a wholesome or good fear. The fear of God, Ps. 19:9, "The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_, enduring for ever..."

Phil. 2:12 "...work out your own salvation with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

II Cor. 7:1 "...perfecting holiness in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

Eph. 5:21, "Submitting yourselves one to another in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

This fear is designed by God to produce an awe of reverence, respect, esteem, affection, and obedience.

But the fear in our verse in II Tim. 1:7 is cowardice, lack of courage, timidity.

Where does this fear come from? Our verse says, "For \_\_\_\_\_ hath \_\_\_\_\_ given us the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_..."

This fear comes from Satan. If Satan can paralyze the believer's service, he has achieved his goal. God has committed unto us the ministry of \_\_\_\_\_ according to II Cor. 5:18.

Satan would silence every believer if he could. One of his weapons is fear. In Eph. 6 Paul speaks of the great conflict between the believer and the devil. In verse 19 he asks the saints to pray for him that he might "...open my \_\_\_\_\_, to make \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_." In vs. 20 he says "For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak \_\_\_\_\_, as I \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_."

Phil. 1:20 “According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be \_\_\_\_\_, but that with all \_\_\_\_\_, as always, so now Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by \_\_\_\_\_, or by \_\_\_\_\_.”

### **Lesson 81 Continued**

I Thess. 2:2 “But even after that we had \_\_\_\_\_ before, and where \_\_\_\_\_ entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were \_\_\_\_\_ in our God to \_\_\_\_\_ unto you the \_\_\_\_\_ of God with \_\_\_\_\_.”

Phil. 1:14 “And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing \_\_\_\_\_ by my bonds, are much more \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the word \_\_\_\_\_.”

I think of the fear Peter experienced when he went to Antioch and the men from James came. Up to then he was eating with the Gentiles. But fear gripped his heart when the Jewish leaders came. He lost his courage, his boldness, he compromised the truth he had come to know.

Gal. 2:12, “For before that certain came from \_\_\_\_\_, he did \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_: but when they were come, he \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ himself, \_\_\_\_\_ them which were of the \_\_\_\_\_.”

Pr. 29:25 “The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ bringeth a \_\_\_\_\_...”

Remember what fear caused Abraham to do? Read Gen. 12:10-20 Abraham, for fear of man, wanted to pass his wife Sarah as his \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul was about to die when he wrote to Timothy. Now more than ever he wanted to encourage Timothy to be courageous. In verse 8 of II Tim. 1 Paul says: “Be not thou \_\_\_\_\_ of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner.”

Paul urges Timothy to not be ashamed of the message or of the messenger. Maybe Timothy was feeling ashamed of his association with a message and person that was so unpopular and troublesome. Sound familiar?? Everybody loves a winner, not some loser in prison abandoned by everyone and held in reproach by all the “religious” people! Do we face similar situations? You bet we do! “I’m afraid to speak the gospel, they’ll think I’m a kook.” “I’m afraid no one will like me.” “I’m afraid to tell others about rightly dividing the Bible, they’ll think I’m a troublemaker.” “I’m afraid to take a stand on doctrine, they’ll think I’m unkind.”

We all face these fears. Next week we look at God’s provision for Victory over fear!