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## **AN ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT PART 3**

As we continue to set the tone for 2018, God wants us to be aware of the tricks and snares of the enemy. If we are not careful, we can be so pretentious about what God wants for us, that we forget that Satan has a desire and plan for us as well. Have you thought about that fact that Satan has a well thought out plan to steal every one of your dreams, kill all of the things God has already giving you, and destroy your mind, character, and integrity?

### ***John 10:10 NKJV***

*"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."*

Thieves don't steal things that are not valuable. Thus, the very fact that you have a God given purpose that you are running after, sets off alarms with Satan and all of his demons to come after you with everything they have. This is why God wants us to be prepared and armed.

This morning, God wants to reveal one of the biggest tricks that Satan uses to trap us and make us forfeit and hand over every blessing. That trap is FEAR...

### **What are some of the things Fear can produce in the lives of believers?**

### ***II Kings 6:13-16 NKJV***

*"So he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and get him." And it was told him, saying, "Surely he is in Dothan." Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."*

What did fear produce in this servant? Why?

Have you ever seen a child who is scared of something? The most profound thing about this is no matter how much you show the person that what they are afraid of is not real, they are blinded because of what their mind tells them, not even what they see. We have to deal with Fear in 2018 so that the veil can be lifted off of our eyes to see how much support God has already lined up for us. What is one of our biggest fears as believers? **Other people's opinions!!** And just like this servant was blinded by fear, and only can see the opinions of those closest to us. Many of us are fearful of getting a closer relationship with God because of what we think others may think, feel, or say. Thus we put ourselves in a position where friends, family, and even those we don't know approval weighs more to us than that of God.

## Fear that Blinds!!

### **Judges 6:12-15 NKJV**

*“And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, “The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!” Gideon said to Him, “O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the LORD has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.” Then the LORD turned to him and said, “Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?” So he said to Him, “O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house.”*

What did fear produce in Gideon? Why?

Listen, in 2018, God is saying “stop rehearsing your shortcomings, insecurities, and sins!”

**Because you have the calling, you become qualified!**

When did God ever choose someone who was not all that God (not them) wanted them to be!! ??  
(Moses, Isaiah, Abraham)

- **You say you’re unqualified for that house: by whose standards?**
- **You say you’re unqualified for that promotion: by whose standards?**

Want to know the truth? You probably are!! But that’s not the point. God never looks at qualifications, He looks at heart! He looks at obedience! Adjust your attitude and understand it’s not about what you bring to the table, but who you bring to the table.

## Fear that disqualifies!!

Lastly,

### **Matthew 25:24-25 NKJV**

*“Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’”*

What did fear produce in the servant?

Fear made this servant fruitless! Because of the fear of his assignment from God, he produced nothing. Is this a reflection of your life right now? Are you letting fear rob you of what you are suppose to be doing?

The dangerous thing about this particular incident is that God himself got mad at the servant not because he got scared, but because his fear rendered him useless to God. What happens when your life stop producing fruit?

**This week's challenge:**

DEAL WITH YOUR FEAR!! Whether it's fear of promotion, or fear of getting closer to God, we cannot allow ourselves to fall to the devil's trick of fear. **(2 Timothy 1:7)**

This week I want each of you to memorize **Psalms 27:1-4 NKJV**

*"The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell. Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war may rise against me, In this I will be confident. One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple."*