

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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Satan's Toolbox

-Jason Wright

Every construction worker or carpenter or mechanic has multiple tools in their tool boxes to help them complete the project at hand. Without those tools, they are nearly helpless in accomplishing what they have been hired to do. As Christians, we have tools as well that help us accomplish the Lord's mission.

Satan is no different; he has a mission; he has tools ready to go that he uses to get us off track and cause us to be ineffective in our faith. As we look thru his tool box, we find things like deception (Gen. 3:13/Jn. 8:44); temptation (Matt. 4:1-11); division (I Cor. 1:10); despair (Job); pride (Prov. 8:13); and fear (Prov. 29:25).

Unfortunately, fear brings anxiety; it also brings avoidance behavior, where a person avoids situations that trigger fear. It can cause a fight or flight response and/or increased heart rate. It can take its toll on us mentally, physically, and emotionally.

Fear can cause us to not use our talents or even try to develop skills that will benefit the Lord's work. Stepping out of our comfort zone is a no go due to fear that can tie our hands and limit our effectiveness in completing the Lord's mission of soul-winning. Fear can keep someone from teaching a class, leading a song, welcoming visitors, etc. The phrase "fear not" is in the Bible over 360 times. God does not want us to live in fear (II Tim. 1:7), but Satan does.

What do the scriptures teach? God told Abraham to not be afraid; He told Joseph do not be afraid; He told Moses to not be afraid; God told Joshua to not be afraid. Why, because He was with them no matter the situation. Jesus told His friends and disciples to not be afraid as He reminded them of their great value in Luke 12.

A great example of this can be found in the Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25. A man gave his servant one talent so that he might gain for the master. Instead, the servant buried the money in the ground. Once the master returned and found the other servants had doubled their talents, the one-talent man said, *I was AFRAID and went and hid your talent in the ground*. The man was very displeased with his servant who chose to let his fear cripple him from doing anything for the master. What was the Master's response...*You ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest* (V. 27).

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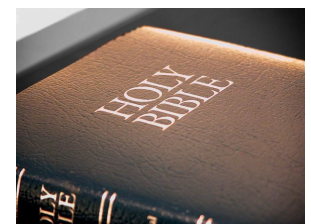
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Bible Bowl

James 1

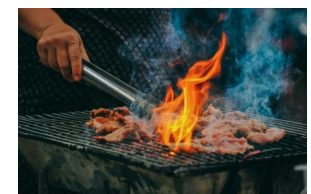
August 6, 5:30 PM



Back to School

Cookout

August 8, 6:30 PM



For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth. 1 Thessalonians 1:8

The Christian Graces Part 2

- Virtue- v. 3, 1 Peter 2:9, Philippians 4:8, 1 Corinthians 16:13, Jude 3
- Knowledge- Romans 15:14, 1 Corinthians 8:10, Hebrews 5:11-14
- Self-control- 1 Thessalonians 5:22, 1 Peter 2:11, 1 Corinthians 6:12
- Steadfastness- Romans 5:3, James 5:7-11, Hebrews 12:1-2, Romans 2:7
- Godliness- Proverbs 1:7, 9:10, Psalm 18:3, Job 1:20-22, 1 Timothy 4:7-8
- Brotherly Affection- 1 Peter 1:22, Hebrews 13:1, 2 Peter 1:1, 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10
- Love- 1 John 4:8-11, 3:16, John 13:34-35, 14:15, Luke 9:24

Satan's Toolbox... continues

The fearful servant was called unprofitable, wicked, lazy, and was cast into outer darkness.

David had a different attitude towards fear...*I sought the Lord, and He heard me. And delivered me from all my fears (Ps. 34:4)* Fear is real, but it can be overcome by trusting in the God of Heaven. Seek the Lord; Hear His word; and watch your faith grow, and don't be afraid to tell the Deceiver to take a hike!

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 618 Sweet Hour of Prayer

Song: 456 No Tears in Heaven

Prayer

Song: 311 I'd Rather Have Jesus

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 383 Just Over in the Glory Land (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 1:5-7

Sermon

Song: 584 Softly and Tenderly (Vs. 1, 3, 4)

Song: 676 There's within My Heart (Vs. 1, 5)

Prayer

2 Peter 1:5-7

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DILIGENCE

- 5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,
- 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,
- 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23