

THE RHEMA SWORD II

EPHESIANS 6:11

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

EPHESIANS 6:12

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

EPHESIANS 6:13

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

EPHESIANS 6:14

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

EPHESIANS 6:15

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

EPHESIANS 6:16

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

EPHESIANS 6:17

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the *WORD of God:

WORD: rhema {hray'-mah}
that which is or has been uttered by the living voice, thing spoken, word
(a declaration of one's mind made in words); an utterance; a saying of any sort as a message,

ROMANS 10:17

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word (RHEMA) of God.

AFFIRMATION: the act or an instance of affirming; the assertion that something exists or is true, confirmation or ratification of the truth

Affirmations are positive statements that describe a desired situation.

When these statements are often repeated, they get impressed on the subconscious mind, and consequently, trigger it into positive action.

In order to ensure the effectiveness of the affirmations, they have to be repeated with attention, interest, faith and desire.

I'M THE OBJECT OF HIS LOVE

PSALM 4:3

3 But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

ISAIAH 43:4

4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.

JEREMIAH 31:3

3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

ZECHARIAH 2:8

8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the *APPLE of his eye.

APPLE: babah {baw-baw'}
the apple (pupil) of the eye

Toucheth the apple of his eye, the babet of his eye. Any person, by looking into the eye of another, will see his own image perfectly expressed, though in extreme miniature, in the pupil. Our English word babbet or baby comes from this.

The eye of God is ever on his follower, and his person is ever impressed on the eye, the notice, attention, providence, and mercy of God?

There is nothing, as we know, more delicate, or more tender, then this is in the body of man. The pupil or apple of the eye is a little aperture or perforation in the middle of the eye about which the iris forms a ring; and through this little opening the rays of light pass to the crystalline humor,

to be formed on the retina at the bottom of the eye. It is a very weak and tender part, and easily hurt with the least thing; and fitly describes the feeble state of Christ's people; and how soon and easily they may be disturbed, distressed, and hurt by their enemies:

and as this is a principal part of the eye, and a part of a man's self, dear and valuable to him; so are the Lord's people parts, as it were, of himself; they are members of his body, closely united to him; and whatever injury is done to them he reckons as done to himself: "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"

EPHESIANS 2:4

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

I JOHN 4:10

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

I JOHN 4:19

19 We love him, because he first loved us.

ROMANS 5:8

8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

ROMANS 8:32

32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

ROMANS 8:34

34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

I CORINTHIANS 5:7

7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

II CORINTHIANS 5:21

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

GALATIANS 3:13

13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

EPHESIANS 5:2

2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

TITUS 2:14

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

HEBREWS 9:24

24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

I JOHN 3:16

16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

I'M NEEDED IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

ROMANS 12:4

4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office.

ROMANS 12:5

5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

I CORINTHIANS 12:27

27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

EPHESIANS 4:16

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

I BELONG TO THE KINGDOM

LUKE 12:32

32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

LUKE 22:29

29 And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me;

II TIMOTHY 4:18

18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

II PETER 1:11

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I'M PART OF A GLORIOUS CHURCH

ISAIAH 60:1

1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

ISAIAH 60:2

2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

EPHESIANS 5:26

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

EPHESIANS 5:27

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

REVELATION 21:9

9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

REVELATION 21:10

10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

REVELATION 21:11

11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

I WILL NOT BE AFRAID OF FAILURE

The fear of failing can be immobilizing – it can cause us to do nothing, and therefore resist moving forward. But when we allow fear to stop our forward progress in life, we're likely to miss some great opportunities along the way.

Many of us are afraid of failing, at least some of the time. But fear of failure (also called "atychiphobia") ATICKIPHOBIA is when we allow that fear to stop us doing the things that can move us forward to achieve our goals.

Fear of failure can be linked to many causes. For instance, having critical or unsupportive parents is a cause for some people. Because they were routinely undermined or humiliated in childhood, they carry those negative feelings into adulthood.

Experiencing a traumatic event at some point in your life can also be a cause. For example, say that several years ago you gave an important presentation in front of a large group, and you did very poorly.

The experience might have been so terrible that you developed a fear of failure about other things. And you carry that fear even now, years later.

As with many phobias, atychiphobia often leads to a constricted lifestyle, and is particularly devastating for its effects on a person's willingness to attempt certain activities.

A person afflicted with atychiphobia considers the possibility of failure so intense that they choose not to take the risk. Oftentimes this person will subconsciously undermine their own efforts so that they no longer have to continue to try.

Because effort is proportionate to the achievement of personal goals and fulfillment, this unwillingness to try that arises from the perceived inequality between the possibilities of success and failure holds the atychiphobic back from a life of meaning and the realization of potential.

Signs of Fear of Failure

You might experience some of these symptoms if you have a fear of failure:

A reluctance to try new things or get involved in challenging projects.

Self-sabotage - for example, procrastination, excessive anxiety, or a failure to follow through with goals.

Low self-esteem or self-confidence – Commonly using negative statements such as "I'll never be good enough to get that promotion," or "I'm not smart enough to get on that team. "

Perfectionism – A willingness to try only those things that you know you'll finish perfectly and successfully.

100 After Jesus rose from the dead, His words were constantly, "Fear not. " That's what the trouble with the Church today, is scared to death you're going to make a failure. How can you fail when you're in Christ? You can't fail. You've got Everlasting Life. All demons in hell can't shake you. You got Everlasting Life. Jesus said so. So don't be scared of failure. You say, "Well, I'm afraid I'll get fanatic. " I'd rather have a little fanaticism than to set still and do nothing. I sure would. A man that's going to do something.

FAITH. ONCE. DELIVERED. TO. THE. SAINTS_ INDNPLS. IN MONDAY_ 57-0610

E-2 I got lots of respects for a man, when he does make a mistake, he's got courage enough to rise and try again. We're all going to make mistakes. The best makes mistakes. But a soldier is not one who will lay down when he's knocked down but will raise up again. We used to sing a little song, "Let Me Rise And Try Again. " And I like that. For I have made many mistakes in my life, as we all have. But I've always been thankful to God for grace to let me rise and try again.

AS. I. WAS. WITH. MOSES. SO. I. WILL. BE. WITH. THEE_ JEFF. IN V-16 N-2 SUNDAY_ 60-0911M 29 But we find here that God in spite of all the failure that Moses had done, He still had His hand on him. And He called him to go, do His service, calling him to his commission.

And what a consolation that must've been to Joshua, when he heard God say, "As I was with Moses, so will I be with you. " Although if I'm trying and I fail, God won't leave me. I don't have much confidence in anybody that's too afraid to do anything. I'd rather be found a failure than too lazy to try.

AS. I. WAS. WITH. MOSES. SO. I. WILL. BE. WITH. THEE_ JEFF. IN V-16 N-2 SUNDAY_ 60-0911M

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One time it was said that the Ballard and Ballard Flour Company hired a man, and he was going to sign his name,

and the man had no eraser on the end of his pencil. And Mr. Ballard said to him, said, "Why haven't you got an eraser?" He said, "I don't make mistakes. " He said, "Then I can't use you. Because if you make mistakes--you--you don't make mistakes, you won't do nothing. " That's true.

God don't hold you responsible for your mistakes. He holds you responsible for your will--willful sin. "He that sins willfully, after he has received the knowledge of the truth. . . "

But a man that's going to do something is going to blunder; he's going to fall. He's going to make mistakes. But if he's really Divinely called, and God in his heart, he'll rise again.

AS. I. WAS. WITH. MOSES. SO. I. WILL. BE. WITH. THEE_ JEFF. IN V-16 N-2
SUNDAY_ 60-0911M 34

Used to be, coming to the church here years ago, and they may be here this morning, a little man and his wife. They used to sing a song that thrilled me, goes something like this:

Forgive me, Lord, and try me one more time, I'll be Yours if You'll be mine; If I fall or if I fail, let me rise and try again, Forgive me, Lord, and try me one more time.

I like that, for any good soldier's apt to get wounded or hurt. But if he's still a soldier, and got a purpose, and something to fight for, he'll rise and try again. Any good soldier of the Cross will do the same thing.

AS. I. WAS. WITH. MOSES. SO. I. WILL. BE. WITH. THEE_ JEFF. IN V-16 N-2
SUNDAY_ 60-0911M 36

And to Joshua, the new commander of the army after Moses had passed on, seeing that God stayed with him in his mistakes,

he held his commission up. . . No matter what Moses done, it was Moses' office that God respected. He was a prophet; he was above all the prophets; he was really more than any prophet they had. When his own sister laughed at him for marrying an Ethiopian girl, He called them together, and He said,

"Don't you fear God?" Said, "If there be one among you who's spiritual or a prophet, I will speak to him in visions and make Myself known to him in dreams. But it's not so with Moses; I speak lip to ear with him. Don't you fear God?"

See, that's not a good thing to tramp upon God's people. You hurt Him when you do so. God had commissioned Moses; his failures meant nothing. God knowed his heart.

AS. I. WAS. WITH. MOSES. SO. I. WILL. BE. WITH. THEE_ JEFF. IN V-16 N-2
SUNDAY_ 60-0911M 41

Now, Joshua, the new warrior. . . Only two left now, that ever left the promised land; and that was Joshua and Caleb.

Now, Joshua, the new commander, to lead an army, the second to the place where a great man like Moses stood. . . It was no little task. I think of a minister today that's called of God to step into the tracks where Jesus stood, what a command, what a commission.

But each that's called of God is commissioned to stand in that same place. "I'll be with you, even in you, to the end of the way. " Each minister's called to stand where He would. "The works that I do, shall you do also. "

Each minister's ordained of God, is commanded to stand in the tracks of Jesus Christ and perform the duties that Jesus performed. That's quite a command.

I. KNOW_ JEFF. IN EASTER. MESSAGE. BOOK SUNDAY_ 60-0417S108 I'll still rely upon that gift. I've got to have a place till I lay that aside, where I can walk out here and can. . . I'm afraid. I seem to be a-scared, and I'm afraid I'll make a mistake. To lose a battle's not lose a war. Patton lost several battles, but he never lost a war. That's right. And we'll lose lots of battles too, but we'll not lose the war. I'll make many mistakes, but I won't lose the cause God gave it, and God will take care of it. . . .

64-1 PATMOS. VISION - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK CPT. 2

"Don't fear, John. Don't fear, little flock. All that I am, you are heir to. All my power is yours. My omnipotence is yours as I stand in your midst. I have not come to bring fear and failure, but love and courage and ability. All power is given unto Me and it is yours to use. You speak the Word and I will perform it. That is My covenant and it can never fail. "

IF I SUBMIT, RESIST, SATAN WILL FLEE

JAMES 4:7

7 *SUBMIT yourselves therefore to God. *RESIST the devil, and he will flee from you.

SUBMIT: hupotasso {hoop-ot-as'-so}
put under, be subject unto, to arrange under, to subordinate; put in subjection; to subject one's self, obey; to submit to one's control; to yield to one's admonition or advice; to obey, be subject

A Greek military term meaning "to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader". It means "get into your proper rank. " When a buck private acts like the general, there is going to be trouble! Unconditional surrender is the only way to complete victory.

If there is any area of the life kept back from God, there will always be battles. This explains why uncommitted Christians cannot live with themselves or with other people.

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RESIST: anthistemi {anth-is'-tay-mee}
withstand, to set one's self against, to withstand, resist, oppose

JAMES 4:7

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

NOT FROM JESUS BUT YOU