

1 Demonic Attack

8 Values: Humility, Mourning sin (others), Gentleness, Righteousness (hunger/thirst), Mercy, Heart Purity, Peacemaking, Fear of God (persecution)

5 Internal Enemies of the 8 Values: Anger, Lusts, Religious Performance, Demand for Justice, Right to Withhold Love

5 Practices that Cultivate the 8 Values: Service, Prayer, Forgiveness, Self Denial, Generosity

1 Demonic Attack: Anxiety/Worry/Fear (Mt 6:25-34)

do not Worry about your Life (25), Focus on your life in Him (33) - (Mt 16:25)

“therefore” links to vs 24 - Faith issue (30): self reliance vs trusting God

implication: self reliance leads to anxiety

reminder: Faith in Him (obedience Lk 17:5-10), not abstract power

can He be Trusted (33): Three Areas (phrase)

Provision: (Mt 16:8) But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, “O you of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves because you have brought no bread?”

Protection: (Mt 8:26) But He said to them, “Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?”

Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

Power: (Mt 14:31) And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” (obedience, calling)

pervasive Demonic Attack - **War with Word**

Practical Steps:

Provision: Develop Contentment - managing expectations (others)

(1Ti 6:6-8) ⁶Now godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. (context: godliness as gain, desire to become rich)

Protection: Develop Reliance - Prayer (27), (1 Pe 5:7)

(Phl 4:6-7) ⁶Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Cultivating Thankfulness builds Faith

Supernatural Peace: His vs World (Jn 14:27) - Fear of God vs fear of man

Power: Develop Encouraging Community - isolated speculation (34), (Heb 3:13, 10:25)

(Pr 12:25) Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, but a good word makes it glad.

picturing future vs obedience (Elijah 1 Ki 19) - obey your calling in the moment

Community that reminds you who you are, not reinforces your victimhood