

IV. **L**_____ NEGATIVITY (4:19-20)

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” Philippians 4:13

“31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

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 8:31-32

“So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.” Hebrews 13:6

V. **D**_____ TO FINISH (4:21-23)

“So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days.” Nehemiah 6:15

“The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.” Proverbs 29:25

“Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.” II Timothy 2:3

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” I Corinthians 15:58

“When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.” John 19:30

CONCLUSION: In what ways do you need to think differently to be a servant?

“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;” II Corinthians 10:5

SHIFT – THINK DIFFERENTLY

From Fearful To Fearless
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INTRODUCTION

A. What you think is what you do. If you want to change your doing you must first shift your thinking.

“21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.” Ephesians 4:21-24

Christlikeness requires a shift in thinking.

B. In this series, you will learn how to shift your thinking in five critical areas:

Aug 28	From Owner To Steward
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TODAY	From Fearful To Fearless
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C. TEXT: Nehemiah 4:1-23 (Pew Bible/Page 476/Old Testament)

Fearful Thinking: Thinking _____ faith.

Fearless Thinking: Thinking _____ faith.

HOW TO BE FEARLESS

_____ often produces fear (4:1-12)

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

II Timothy 1:7

I. **B**_____ GOD (4:14)

“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” Hebrews 11:6

“8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:

9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:” II Corinthians 1:8-9

“Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”

Joshua 1:9

“26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.” Romans 8:26-29

II. **U**_____ RELATIONSHIPS (4:13-14)

“9 Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.

10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.

11 Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?

12 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

“But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.”

I Timothy 5:8

“15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods;”

Joshua 24:15-16

III. **I**_____ DEFENSE (4:15-18)

“Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.”

Psalm 122:7

“4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.”

Romans 13:4-5