



Weekly Devotional for Week of Nov 14, 2010

"Fasting from Wrong Thinking" by Pastor Gregory Dickow

Revolution Day 8 – Sunday Nov 14th: "You never know how life will turn out."

I'd like us to spend one more day fasting from a negative attitude, and more specifically, let's fast from the thought that says, "You never know how life will turn out." This mindset of uncertainty and helplessness must be eradicated from our lives.

Let's CHANGE IT TODAY:

1. Your attitude is one thing over which you have total control.

As we said yesterday, "attitude determines altitude"; therefore, we can determine how our life will turn out. So let's set our attitude high, positive, believing all things possible. (Mark 9:23)

2. The choice is YOURS!

God has given us the power to choose how our life will turn out. In Deut. 30:15, 19, God said, "Now listen, TODAY I'm giving you the choice between life and death; between prosperity and adversity....Now CHOOSE life..." Live every day with knowledge that you hold your future in the choices you make.

3. Happen to Life.

Refuse to let life happen to you. Let's get rid of the 'take life as it comes' mindset. Remember Moses, when his rod turned into a serpent (Exodus 4:4), God said, "Reach out your hand, and take it by the tail." Today, let's take life by the tail. Grab it. Speak to it. Be its boss!

4. Embrace the fact you have a destiny.

Jeremiah 29:11 says, "...I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you...plans to give you the future you hope for." Anything you can continue to hope for, God will deliver. HOPE BIG today!

5. Expect turnarounds.

Don't be defined by the current condition or past failures of your life. God is in the turnaround business. He turns the curse into a blessing (Deut. 23:5); mourning into gladness (Psalm 30:11); shadow of death into morning light (Amos 5:8). Expect it today!

THINK IT & SAY IT:

I reject uncertainty and helplessness. I have control over my life by the choices I make. I choose life and blessing today, and God is backing me up. I happen to life and take it by the tail. I hope big today, and believe God plans to give me the life I've always hoped for. No matter how it looks, I believe in the God of turnarounds, and expect them today, in Jesus' Name!



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Revolution Day 9 – Monday Nov 15th: "I'm just not a strong enough Christian."

Today we're fasting from the thought that says, *"I'm just not a strong enough Christian."*

Who hasn't thought that at times? Not strong enough to overcome the temptation you're facing; not strong enough to keep going; not strong enough to make it through this economy or trials you're facing.

Let's CHANGE IT TODAY:

- 1. Rejoice in your weakness.** 2 Corinthians 12:5 (LB) says, "I am going to boast only about how weak I am and how great God is to use such weakness for his glory." When we are weak, that's when God's strength is activated.
- 2. Stop making promises to God.** Not only does that wear you out, and frustrate you; but it's an insult to God's grace. Christianity is not about the promises we make to God, but the promises He made to us. Look up 2 Peter 1:4. It's by the promises we live!
- 3. Wake up with the Holy Spirit!** First thing in the morning, admit you're weak (rather than waiting for life to beat you into admission!) Ask for His help. He'll pray through you. (Romans 8:26)
- 4. Strength comes from the Word of God.** Fill up on it. 1 John 2:13 says...you are strong because the Word abides in you – THEN you overcome the evil one.
- 5. See your weakness as an offering.** Give it to God, He will use it and use you anyway, proving His greatness. You give God glory when your trust is in Him not in yourself.
- 6. You don't have to look good.** In your honest admission and trust, God opens the heavens and works in you from the inside out. (John 1:47, 51)

THINK IT & SAY IT:

God's strength is working in me, even in my weakness. I stop trying to look good, and trust the Word of God to give me the strength I need. God is working in me, and He will finish what He started. I live by the promises of God, and by the Holy Spirit strengthening me today, in Jesus' Name.

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Revolution Day 10 - Tuesday Nov 16th: "This economy is standing in the way of my success."

Today, we're fasting from the thought that says, "This economy is standing in the way of my success."

Let's CHANGE IT TODAY:

- 1. Believe you have the power to succeed in any economy.** Deuteronomy 8:18 says, "...God has given you the power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant." Notice what God gives you: the power to get it. This promise is for YOU. Meditate on it.
- 2. Understand the ROOT to success – meditating on the Word of God.** Psalm 1:1-3 says, "...As long as you flood your mind with the Word of God, God will fill your life with success." Your success is connected to you flooding your mind with the Word. It is not dependent upon or connected to the economy.
- 3. Become favor-minded.** Expect God to open doors for YOU that no one can close (Revelation 3:8). He wants to overtake you with increase and favor. (Psalm 115:14) Favor surrounds YOU like a shield. (Psalm 5:12) Fill your mind with FAVOR-EXPECTATION.
- 4. Success is WHO YOU ARE, not what you have.** Remember Joseph. Stripped of everything and sold into slavery, the Bible calls him a SUCCESSFUL man (Genesis 39:1-2). He 'was a successful man'. By BEING that, external success followed.
- 5. Be covenant-minded.** Abraham, Isaac and Jacob all succeeded in times of FAMINE and economic trouble. (Genesis 24, 26 & 28) You have been promised the same blessing as them! (Galatians 3:29) Expect it!
- 6. Refuse to let the economy or anything else determine your limitations and possibilities. ASK SUCCESS. THINK SUCCESS. EXPECT SUCCESS.** It will always come.

THINK IT & SAY IT:

I have the power to succeed even in the worst economy. God will establish His covenant in this earth through me. I choose to fill my mind with the GOOD news rather than the current news. The Word is my meditation, day and night. I am favor-minded. It's coming to me every day, somehow, someway. I am a successful person, and successful living follows! I think big success; ask big success; and I expect BIG success, in Jesus' Name!

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Revolution Day 11 – Wednesday Nov 17th: Fast from thoughts of financial fear.

Today we’re fasting from thoughts of financial fear. “What if I end up poor when I’m old”; “I’m afraid I’ll never be financially well off”; “What if I make the wrong move”; etc.

We need to attack these fears with the Word of God and with right thinking.

Let's CHANGE IT TODAY:

1. Embrace God as your source – you’re only source. That doesn’t mean you don’t work or save. But fix your mind on God as provider. He is Jehovah Jireh – your provider (Genesis 22:12-14).

2. “Poor” thinking leads to “poor” living. Replace ‘poverty’ thinking (just getting by), with ‘prosperity’ thinking. Look up Romans 8:32. God supplies us with all things RICHLY to enjoy (1 Timothy 6:17).

3. Stop thinking God and money don’t mix. Trusting both don’t mix. God provides. TRUST God, not money. Trusting the wrong thing produces wrong choices.

4. Renew your mind to the purpose of money. God wants you blessed to be a blessing (Genesis 12:1-3) Deuteronomy 8:18 says He gives us the power to get wealth – TO ESTABLISH HIS COVENANT.

5. YOU HAVE CONTROL. Say it and believe it. You control your financial future by the seeds you sow and by the plans you make.

6. BELIEVE in the power of wisdom. You can ask for and receive MORE THAN YOU NEED (James 1:5). Solomon asked for wisdom, and he became wealthy. (2 Chronicles 1:11)

THINK IT & SAY IT:

I embrace God as my source. He provides all things richly for me to enjoy. I rebuke the fear of being poor, and I fill my mind with thoughts of God’s provision. I see the purpose of money is to advance the kingdom of God and I expect to bring MUCH advance for His glory. I do have control of my financial future and I expect the wisdom of God to flood my life beginning today, in Jesus’ Name

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Revolution Day 12 - Thursday Nov 18th: "If I just do more for God, perhaps He will finally bless me."

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Today we are fasting from the thought that says: "If I just do more for God, perhaps He will finally bless me."

This thinking is robbing so many people of the blessing and privileges He wants us to walk in.

Let's CHANGE IT TODAY:

- 1. Remember, Christianity is not about the promises we make to God,** but the promises He makes to us. (2 Corinthians 1:20) The promises are YES. Our part: to say AMEN! Believe it. Receive it!
- 2. Exchange this "slave" mentality for a "son" mentality.** You don't have to earn God's blessing. It's your right as a son. (Romans 8:15) Stop trying to DO enough. You ARE enough—a son/daughter!
- 3. Stop seeing yourself as an outsider.** Mark 1:11 says you are His beloved child. He's pleased with your faith. Faith brought Abraham into the blessing, and it brings you too! (Galatians 3:8-9)
- 4. You are already blessed!** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who HAS ALREADY BLESSED US, with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. See it? We are already blessed! Thank Him--that's the prayer of faith!
- 5. Freely we have received; now freely give.** KNOWING that you have freely received puts into motion a generous attitude, which perpetuates more blessing. (Matthew 10:8)
- 6. We have a covenant of blessing!** God's blessing will overtake you when you BELIEVE in this covenant. Jesus earned it for you. It sounds too good to be true; but it IS true. (Genesis 17:2-8)

THINK IT & SAY IT:

I live by the promises of God. I am a son/daughter of God. I am not a slave, needing to earn my blessing or earn my freedom. The Son has made me free; and God has already blessed me with all blessings. I have freely received; therefore I am free to give. I have a covenant of blessing and I am not on the outside, looking in; I have an inheritance. I am in God's will, in Jesus' Name!

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Revolution Day 13 - Friday Nov 19th: "Why is God punishing me?" or "Is God punishing me?"

Today we're fasting from the thoughts that say, "Why is God punishing me?" or "Is God punishing me?"

Even when something goes wrong, don't give into these thoughts for a second.

Let's **CHANGE IT TODAY**:

- 1. God is a rewarder NOT a punisher.** There is never a place in the New Testament where God is described as a punisher. But many, as a rewarder. Look at Hebrews 11:6, James 1:17, Matthew 6:33.
- 2. Accept NO condemnation (judgment or punishment) in Christ Jesus** (Romans 8:1). And you are in Him, if you simply believe in His sacrifice and substitution.
- 3. Abide in the Word.** Think, breathe, and speak the Word of God. John 15:7 says "My words abide in you, THEN you shall ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you." Believe in the God who GIVES whatever you ask.
- 4. Change your view of God.** Many children of Israel fell in the wilderness because they believed God was punishing them, therefore they made wrong choices. God was trying to bless them. (Deut. 1:27)
- 5. Even when something goes wrong, believe in the God who makes things right.** (Romans 8:28, Deut. 23:5)
- 6. Come boldly to throne of His grace.** Throw off shame and fear. You are righteous by faith (2 Cor. 5:21), and thus have the right to God's help, mercy and rewards. (Hebrews 4:15-16)

THINK IT & SAY IT:

I believe that God rewards me; He is not punishing me. Even when things go wrong, He will right every wrong, and turn a curse into a blessing. I refuse to accept condemnation and I receive God's mercy when I've failed or need God's help. I reject guilt and receive the wisdom to make great decisions and experience God's best rewards, in Jesus' Name!

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Revolution Day 14 - Saturday Nov 20th: "It just doesn't pay to do right or to serve God."

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Today we're fasting from the thought that says, **"It just doesn't pay to do right or to serve God."**

This thinking discourages many people from continuing to be faithful; continuing the race; and truly giving of themselves. We see others get ahead who aren't even serving God, and it can discourage us.

Let's CHANGE IT TODAY:

1. Due season always comes. Galatians 6:7 says, "Don't grow weary in doing good, IN DUE SEASON YOU SHALL REAP, if you don't faint". Don't give up, even when it doesn't look like it's coming. It will. Believe it.

2. God pays for your trust and work in Him. Ruth 2:11-12 says, 'You will be richly rewarded for forsaking your past and following the Lord.'

3. Expect GREAT reward for keeping God's Word. (Psalm 19:11) Be confident. (Hebrews 10:35) Your labor is not in vain, in the Lord. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

4. Discover 'waiting on the Lord'. Psalm 37:9 says those who "wait" on the Lord shall inherit the land. It means to silence all other thoughts, and have unswerving expectancy that God will answer and repay.

5. Don't be discouraged when you don't see immediate results for doing right, serving God or sowing the right seed. The stranger you're kind to may be a king! Jesus said, 'what you do for the least of these, you do unto Me'. And He repays. (Proverbs 19:17)

6. Renew your mind to 'vengeance is mine; I will repay'. (Rom. 12:19) We've always thought this is judgment; but look at it new: "I will repay you for the good you have done, even when others have hurt or taken advantage of you!"

THINK IT & SAY IT:

My due season is coming. I will reap from the GOOD seeds I have sown. God pays for trusting Him; I will not throw away my confidence when others get ahead. I wait on the Lord and expect a great reward in this life and the life to come. God will repay me for the good I've done. My labor is NOT in vain, in Jesus' Name.

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