



## How To Dream During Seasons of Fear

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**Introduction:** These are sobering times that leave you wondering how to respond

- To the **Political** Environment
- To the **Financial** Markets
- To the **Illnesses** and **Viruses**

**Big Question:** How should we respond to fear?

**Text: 2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)**

- 7 For God has not given us a spirit of **fear**, but of **power** and of **love** and of a **sound mind**.

**Text Reviewed:**

- **2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV):** 7 For God has not **given** us a **spirit** (mindset) of **fear** (**being timid or cowardly**), but of **power** (ability) and of **love** (agape) and of a **sound** (disciplined) mind.

**Text Summarized:**

- God **has not given** us a **fear-based mindset** that is **timid, cowardly, or powerless**.
- God **has given** us the **power and ability to love** and be **disciplined in our minds** during tough times.

### I. God Never Wanted Us to Allow Our Minds To Become

1. Fearful
2. Timid
3. Cowardly
4. Powerless

### II. God Wanted Us In Tough times To

1. Have Power
2. Have Ability
3. Have Love
4. Have Self-Discipline

### III. What These Times Reveal About Us

1. It reveals some of our **deepest fears**
2. It reveals some of our **foolish divisions**
3. It reveals how much **we are connected**
4. It reveals how much **we can spread to each other (Black, White, American or Foreigner)**



**Conclusion:**

#### **IV. What Can We Gain From This Season?**

- 1. Experience:** This season will help shape how we live in the future
- 2. Priorities:** This season will help shape what we do first when planning
- 3. Maturity:** This season will give us a balanced way to measure maturity
- 4. Clarity:** This season will help us see the value of building assets and financial reserves resources

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#### **Read Ahead Text**

**Proverbs 29:25–26 (NKJV)**

- 25 The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.
- 26 Many seek the ruler’s favor, But justice for man comes from the Lord.

**Numbers 13:26–33 (NKJV)**

- 26 Now they departed and came back to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. 27 Then they told him, and said: “We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. 28 Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.
- 29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan.”
- 30 Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, “Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it.”
- 31 But the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we.” 32 And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, “The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature.
- **33 There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”**

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**Big Question: What has fear done to you?**