CS 104 CONQUEST OF FEAR

This title presupposes knowledge of certain truths.

KINDS OF FEAR:

1. Normal: (Phobos) Inspires carefulness as of surgeon, pilot, parent, teacher.
2. Abnormal: (Deilia) Terror, torments, frighten, confuses and hinders function.

SOURCE OF WRONG FEAR: II Tim. 1:7, "GOD HAS NOT GIVEN US A SPIRIT OF FEAR.

KINDS OF FEAR PEOPLE FACE:

1. Failure: Accepted - Loved - Family - Job.
2. Responsibility: Husband, wife.
3. Danger - Harm: Storm, heights - Wreck - Disease.
4. Skelton in closet: Relationships, business.
5. Future: Age - Security - Sickness.
6. Religious: Miss God's Will, not saved.

WHAT FEAR DOES - NOTHING GOOD:

1. Health.
2. Soul.
3. Relationships.

STEPS TO CONQUER:

1. Acceptable that not of God: II Tim. 1:7.
2. Know God wants you free: Jo. 10:10.
3. Develop your faith: Rom. 10:17, Jos. 1:8.
4. Watch your confessions: Mk. 11:23.
5. Act like you are free: Ja. 2:17.
6. Be persistent and confident of victory.

CS 101 - CONQUEST OF LIFE'S PRESSURES

Isaiah 30:15 - Identifies three requirements

I. HEAVENLY WISDOM "QUIETNESS"

1. To stop trusting in yourself: 30:2-3.
2. To stop trusting in others: 30:7.
3. To discern voices speaking: Num. 32:23, "Be still and know I am God."

II. DEFINITE ASSURANCE: "CONFIDENCE"

1. Power of God - Isa. 40:28-31.
2. Promise of God - Isa. 43:1-3.
   A. Adequate protection: "...overflow...burn..."
   B. Constant presence: "...I will be with..."
   C. Victorious provision: "Passeth through..."
3. Purpose of God - Eph. 4:11-16.
   A. Why? "...perfecting of Saints for work..."
   B. How long? "...till all come into unity of Faith."
   C. Level? "...unto perfection..."

III. OUTSIDE POWER: "STRENGTH"

1. To do His will.
2. To endure pressures.
3. To overcome - II Cor. 3:5, "...not that we are sufficient of ourselves."
   - Defeat - overlord - put under foot - make inoperative.

CS 102 - CONQUEST OF WRONG THINKING

I. ACCEPT UNGODLY THINKING AS SIN: Phil. 4:8, "True, honest, just, pure, lovely, good report."

II. KNOW RESULT OF UNGODLY THINKING: Rom. 8:6, "To be carnally minded is death, but spiritually minded is life and peace."

III. KNOW JESUS HAS PROVIDED VICTORY FOR US: I Jo. 3:8, "Destroy the works of the Devil" - won for us, not Himself; - shed blood for us, not Himself.

IV. UNDERSTAND SATAN'S LIMITATIONS:

1. Not omnipresent.
2. Cannot read minds.

V. KNOW PRIMARY ATTACK METHODS.

1. Planting thoughts.
2. Blocking rememberance.
3. Questioning and wondering thoughts.

VI. RENEWAL OF THE MIND IS A GRADUAL PROCESS THAT REQUIRES DILIGENCE.
- Romans 12:2.
- Example - cassette - IBM machine.

VII. BATTLE OF MIND WILL ALWAYS BE FOUGHT.

CS 103 - CONQUEST OF RIDICULE

Neh. 4:1-23

- This chapter discloses various truths vital to victory in this area.

I. DEFINITION OF RIDICULE: Language, looks or acts calculated to make one appear foolish - to make fun of - hold up as a laughing stock - scoff - jeer - taunt - scorn.

II. CAUSE OF RIDICULE: Neh. 4:1, "When heard that we builded the walls, He was wroth." Faithful - changing - success and they cannot.

III. ATTACK AREAS: 4:10-12.

1. Inside: 4:10, "Judah said..." - 4:12, "Jews which dwelt by them came..."
2. Outside: 4:11, "And our adversaries..."

IV. PRIMARY WEAPON - Words and looks.

1. 4:1, "Mocked the Jews..."
2. 4:2, "Feeble Jews..."
3. 4:3, "If a fox go up he shall break it down."

V. KEYS TO CONQUEST.

1. Draw courage and strength from God.
   - 4:14, "The Lord which is great..." - Promises.
2. Be alert: 4:21, "We laboured, half held spears from rising of morning till stars came."
3. Determination: 4:23, "None of us put off our clothes, save for washing."

CONQUEST OF DISCOURAGEMENT

-This subject pre-supposes knowledge of certain truths

I DEFINITION OF DISCOURAGEMENT
1. Drained of courage
2. Faint hearted
3. Disillusioned
4. Distressed
5. Disinterested
6. Hopeless

II CAUSES OF DISCOURAGEMENT
1. Wordly temperaments due to raising
2. Circumstances confronting
3. Daydreaming of past - what might have been
4. Ungrounded fears
5. Aloneness
6. Disobedience breaks fellowship

III CAUTIONS FOR DISCOURAGEMENTS
1. Don't complain - cues Satan in
2. Your words make worse: Pr. 6:2; 18:21
3. Occupied with yourself - self pity
4. Yielding to despair - Giving up
5. Become bitter - soured
6. Using escape methods as pills or the bottle - even suicide thoughts

IV CURE FOR DISCOURAGEMENT
1. Recognize Satan is source - Jo 10:10
2. Confess it is a sin and not your nature
3. Locate and lean on God's promises
4. Believe you can overcome - I Jo 4:4, 17; 5:4
5. Control your mind - Phil. 4:8
   cast down wrong - II Cor. 10:4-5
6. Change your talking - I Sam. 30:6
7. Praise the Lord in advance for promised victory - Power
8. Remember He is with you - Heb 13:5

CONQUEST OF CRITICISM MT. 6:10

I. ANALAYICAL FACULTY IS OF VALUE: MT. 7:15, ROM. 16:17, EPH. 5:11, II THESS. 3:6

II. ABUSIVE AREAS - CROSSES LINE - A PERVERSION OF VALUABLE ENDS IN CRITICISM.

1. Presumptuously: Suspicions unconfirm - Rumors - Judge motives of others
2. Hastily: No clearproof - No full investigation
3. Unjustly: Ignore favorable
4. Unmerciful: Pretense of honesty
5. Unwarrantably: Result of personal problem
6. We might do as bad in a like circumstance.
7. Quench personal and fellowship life
8. Discloses on spiritual maturity

III. ACKNOWLEDGE REAL PROBLEM; 7:3-5 "AND WHY BEHOLDEST THOU THE MOTE THAT IS IN THY BROTHER'S EYE BUT CONSIDER NOT THE BEAM THAT IS IN THINE OWN EYE".

1. Manifestation of inferior complex
2. Screen our faults from eyes of others
3. Makes oneself feel bigger and stronger

IV. JESUS POSITIVE METHOD OF OVERCOMING

1. 7:5 "First cast the beam out of thine own eye". Do your own homework - Don't cheat on yourself.
2. 7:5 "Then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."

Amazing how many things get straightened out when or after we do and not before.

I. SOURCE OF DOUBT: "EVIL TIDINGS" AS "GOOD TIDINGS - GOSPEL" IS SOURCE OF FAITH - BOTH ARE DEVELOPED AND FED.

II. PURPOSE OF DOUBT:

1. Birth fear: Satan requires a force to work with to do his work; to "hurt" as God requires a force to work with to "help" - Faith
2. Distract. James 1:6-8
3. Discouraged by delay of manifestation
4. Defeat: Heb. 10:22-23, 12:3

III. DEFEAT OF DOUBT:

1. You have right to control your mind.
2. Decide to never accept fear - Phil. 4:13
3. Utilize Phil.4:8 to judge, balance, weigh, sort and cull all thoughts.
4. Obey the Word: II Cor. 10:5 "Casting down imaginations (thoughts, reasonings, disputes) and every high thing (matter, work) that exalteth itself against the knowledge (Word) of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ (Word)".
5. Endure: Heb. 10:35-39 Possess your land.

-How can we honestly trust Him in the hour of death to raise us from the grave and not trust His word for the victories in this life.

I DEFINITION OF WORRY: I Cor 2:11
1. Sin: Romans 14:23, "That which is not of faith is sin." - I Jo. 1:9
2. A placing more confidence in the result of circumstances than God's Word
Walking by senses, not Word

II EFFECTS OF WORRY
1. Good: ?????
2. Bad: sickness, stress, tension, aging, unprofitableness

III TERRITORY OF WORRY
1. Wealthy: Few, as not many have
2. Others: Many, How to Get - "lust of eyes" - worry over how to obtain

CAUSES OF WORRY
1. Lack of Bible Knowledge: Hosea 4:6
2. Distrust of God's faithfulness to do what He says - stand against
3. Unnatural care for things
-majoring on minors - temporal

V FOOLISHNESS OF WORRY
1. Dependence is a law of our being: air - water - heart - soil
2. God will surely provide for those He created in His image: Mt. 6:26
3. Inability of Worry to achieve a proper end - Mt 6:27

VI DEFEAT OF WORRY
1. Get in God's plan - Mt 6:33
2. Choose to believe and trust, not doubt and worry
3. Began and persist in a strong Bible development plan