



This Week's Inspiration

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“Mature Your Soul”

Dear Friend,

In the real adventure of life, our ability to overcome fear requires maturing our souls and developing life skills. A third category, while less tangible, expresses itself in “passion” or “the want” to do something. Anthony Gunn, in his book *Fear is Power*, writes, “Having ability is only part of it. You have to have ‘the want’ to face a challenge. That is key.”

Fear surrenders to the more powerful emotion of “want to.” When we really want to, we overcome every obstacle that fear creates. Mothers overcome the fear of childbirth because they really want a baby. Soldiers overcome the fear of battle because they really want to be part of their squad. Athletes conquer their fear by wanting to win. Christians triumph over every fear through a true desire to live the life Christ created us to live.

I encourage you to do a self-check today. Consider these three questions.

- What do you really want to accomplish with your life?
- How can you bring this life desire to bear against the fears that presently restrain you?
- Have you taken the time to write down and think about your real desires and passions in life?

These fear-conquering passions create a life vision for us. James 1:22 reminds us to “be doers of the Word – not hearers only.” This inspires us to act upon the noble calling God has granted each one of us. My ability to see past the obstacles of fear, and hear what I need to hear to move forward in life, both come from the gracious heart of God, and work systematically in and through my dominant life passions.

God bless you in your life adventure. May your clarity of desire strengthen you against every fear.

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