Weapons Of Self-Destruction

Fear

Claustrophobia = The Fear of Enclosed Spaces
Arachnophobia = The Fear of Spiders
Aritamophobia = Fear of Numbers
Giraffobia = Fear of Giraffes.
Ophidiophobia = The Fear of Snakes
Coulrophobia = The Fear of Clowns
Pogonophobia = The Fear of Beards
Ecclesiophobia = The Fear of Church
Homilophobia = The Fear of Sermons

I John 4:18
There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

The overcoming of fear. The Bible, the gospel, Christ, the church, the faith—all are one great battle cry against fear in the lives of human beings.

Fear is a weapon of self-destruction. It hides in our heart. It weakens us, until our resistance and strength are gone. Fear secretly gnaws and eats away at all that binds a person to God and to others.

Have you ever seen someone in the grip of fear? It’s dreadful in a child, but even more dreadful in an adult. It is so easy to reorient your life around fear.

• Fear of what others think about me.
• Fear of criticism.
• Fear of failure.
• Fear of success.
• Fear of loneliness.
• Fear of rejection.

Perfect Love - Once we know God's true nature, fear is swallowed up in love. A faithful person organizes his or her life around trust, not
fear. Despite the circumstances of the present moment, God does reign. Regardless of how I may feel, I truly matter to a God of love.

Love protects us from fear.
Love is victorious over fear.
As you mature in your love for God, you realize that you have nothing to fear, for your Father has everything under control.

**Isaiah 41:10**

*Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.’*

There are two commands in the verse not to fear and five reasons to be fearless.

Fear not, (1) for I am with you;
Be not dismayed, (2) for I am your God.
(3) I will strengthen you,
(4) Yes, I will help you,
(5) I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

When God calls you to be free from fear (to overcome this natural emotion and have peace), He does not leave the command hanging in the air. He gives you reasons to have faith. Five of them. That's the nature of all biblical commands. They come with divine support.

1. Fear not . . . God is with you;
2. Fear not . . . God is your God;
3. Fear not . . . God will strengthen you;
4. Fear not . . . God will help you;
5. Fear not . . . God will uphold you.

**Psalms 91:5**

*You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day,*

**Psalms 3:5**

*I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the LORD sustained me.*
For too long the night has been infamous for spiritual darkness. We believe that the night belongs to the Lord. His eyes are roaming the earth, looking for friends who will agree with who He is and the desires that are on His heart.

1. See the mighty God. If you are worried, fearful, or despairing, chances are that you are failing to see just how capable and willing God is to keep all His promises to you.
2. Repent.
3. Defend against Spiritual Attacks
4. Focus on your relationship with God.
5. Hold on to God’s promises.

_Psalms 4:8_
_I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety._