

GOD'S LOVE CONQUERS FEAR

Scripture is from the NIV (New International Version 1984).

1. **All that I give to others results in a greater blessing to me** --- Today, I will give to others out of a cheerful heart because God has given more to me than I could ever give away.
(John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life)
(2 Corinthians 9:7 - Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.)
2. **Forgive others just as God forgave us and gave us His Son as a substitute for our sins** --- Today, I will forgive others just as in Christ, God has forgiven me.
(Colossians 3:13 - Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.)
3. **When I do get upset, I will recall how much God loves me and watches over me no matter what the circumstances** --- Today, when I feel fear, I will remind myself of the unconditional love God has for me no matter what and that his love is the source of power to cast out my fear.
(1 John 4:18 - There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.)
4. **I am determined to see my temptations differently** --- When I feel tempted today, I will immediately pray for God's help and claim His promise to give me a way out of my temptation.
(1 Corinthians 10:13 - No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.)
5. **I can give up thoughts of attacking another when I turn to God for His peace that passes all understanding** --- Today, if I experience feelings of attacking someone, I will immediately pray for the peace that only comes from God.
(John 14:27 - Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.)
6. **I am not a victim of the world** --- Today, I will remind myself that God is in control of the circumstances in this world and that he will either calm the storm I am in or he will calm my heart in the midst of the storm when I call upon him.
(Psalm 23:4 - Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.)

7. **I will not judge others but replace a spirit of condemnation with love** --- Today, I will not have a heart of condemnation for me or another person but will be careful to replace a spirit of judgement with love for myself and for others.

(Romans 14:10 - You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgement seat.)

8. **Seek God's kingdom and worry only about today** --- Today, I am determined to live for today and not worry about tomorrow but seek God's righteousness and his love for me today.

(Matthew 6:33-34 - But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.)

9. **The past is over and I press on to what God has for me** --- Today, I will not be paralyzed and controlled by the past since I know Jesus paid the price for mistakes I have made and things that others have done to me.

(Philippians 3:13-14 - Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.)

10. **There is peace beyond the present circumstances** --- I will remind myself today that peace cannot be taken from me regardless of the present circumstances.

(Philippians 4:6-7 - Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.)

11. **I can change all of my thoughts to those that are good** --- I am determined today to practice a thought life that is filled with those things that bring joy and peace and not fear and condemnation.

(Philippians 4:8 - Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things.)

12. **I am responsible for the things I seek and what I ask for** --- I choose to seek wisdom from God and will ask for the things that I need and will chose to have an attitude of power and boldness that comes from a personal relationship with the living God through Jesus Christ my Lord.

(James 1:5-6 - If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.)

(2 Timothy 1:7 - For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, or love and of self-discipline.)