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FAITH IS A SHIELD

EPHESIANS 6:16



A general definition of faith would be a belief in or for something beyond the obvious. With that being said, we can deduce that many people have faith, not necessarily in God. Sometimes the faith is in something or someone. From the scriptures, we get to see that faith comes from hearing and hearing from the word of God. That can also imply that the continuous hearing of something will push you to believe in that thing. So, whatever you continually expose your ears to shapes your belief. So if you're around negative talks, your life will tend to go in that direction, and the same goes for positive talks. One's way of thinking has a way of conditioning their life.



The continuous exposure to God's word will build your faith and align you to His plans. In that same manner, believing what's not of God about you can destroy you. The devil knows what to do to make you believe contrary to God's will, and he sends fiery darts that come as thoughts. These thoughts are hostile to everything godly. For him to condition you to believe the lies, the devil sends thoughts that make you see yourself less than what God says about you.

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Our thoughts can be our biggest barrier in life. So, it's essential to test every thought with the word of God to build your faith because faith is the shield that guards you against such. Even 'good' thoughts can be a barrier to God's plans over your life. A thought that appears to be good but not from God can make one comfortable but yet minimise that which is from God. Therefore, we should learn to challenge every thought and idea with the word of God.

A shield's primary function is to protect someone from an attack, which is what one's faith does. We take the shield of faith because the devil tends to oppose everything God says about us. It's by faith, the believing in God's word, that we become shielded from these thoughts. When you grab hold of God thoughts, your life will change. That's why Paul urges believers to renew their minds. It is through the renewed mind that you can capture the things of God, and without one, you're prone to become a victim of the enemy's fiery darts.

Believing in His word will push you to live in faith, which produces works. Your faith in something will compel you to act accordingly. Indeed, there is a war going on, and God has provided a gear to guard you, which is the shield of faith. That war is not physical, and the kind of thoughts you entertain will determine a lot.



So guard your hearts and mind by the word of God, hold every thought captive and bring them to the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:4-6) so that the fiery don't get hold of you.

