

## Are We Raising a Shield of Faith or A Shield of Doubt?

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Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to **quench ALL** the fiery darts of the wicked. Ephesians 6:16

TOP Priority (**ABOVE ALL**)

The **Shield of Faith** is of paramount importance. Above All.

The shield of faith will quench all the fiery darts that the wicked one throws at us.

What are the fiery darts?

***They are thoughts.***

When the devil throws them at us, we can quench them or accept them. If we accept them, then the devil can make invasion or intrusion into our life.

These thoughts can be initiated internally or externally.

We must guard our eyes, ears, mouths, noses and skin. Our 5 senses plus our thoughts.

When we accept the fiery darts (thoughts) that he throws at us, he is can implant in us fear, self-pity, condemnation, feelings of rejection, feelings of betrayal and so on.

Example: A symptom may present itself in your body. The devil then throws a thought at you: "It's cancer! Remember that your grandmother died of that disease?" If you accept that thought and start to entertain it, you will begin to fear.

Don't accept them my friend! Ephesians 6:16 says that the shield of faith will quench **all the fiery darts of the wicked one.**

*Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ**; 2 Corinthians 10:5*

So how should we respond to these fiery dart?

Our part is to simply keep the shield of faith up to quench the fiery darts coming at us from the north, south, east, and west. Stand Firm on the truth.

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." James 4:7

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil." Proverbs 3:5-6

We don't have to worry about how many darts are being thrown at us. All we have to do is **keep our shield of faith up** because it will quench **ALL** the darts, not just some, not just one, **ALL!**

The main questions we have to deal with is this: Am I living in faith? Am I acting in faith?

It is not about having faith in our faith, it is about having **faith in HIM**.

Some of us bring up the Shield of Doubt and quench all the blessings of God.

So make sure your shield is a Shield of Faith.

Faith is simple. So, don't make it complicated. Some of us are trying so hard to have faith or build faith, that it becomes faith in our faith.

"Do I have enough faith? Have I said enough scriptures? Have I confessed in faith? Maybe I should do this ..."

*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh **I live by the faith of the Son of God**, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20*

Just simply believe HIM.

NO, we should just rest in **HIM**. Just believe that He will do what he said he would. When we see His grace towards us, when we keep our eyes on Him and just believe in Him, that is FAITH without being conscious of it!

*I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers, hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints; that the communication of thy faith may become **effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus**. Philemon 1:4-6*

*I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me. Philippians 4:13*

As we confess God's Word, simply rest in HIM, not in our faith. Simply believe. Then put up the Shield of Faith and no other shield.

*But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. James 1:6-7*

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. John 14:12-14*

*Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. Hebrews 10:35-36 KJV*

*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6 KJV*

*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 11:25-26 KJV*

*I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. John 10:9 KJV*

*The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10:10 KJV*

*But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. John 20:31*

*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12*