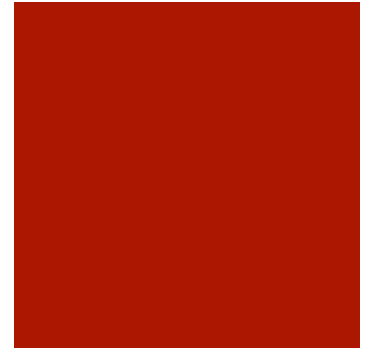




# Perfect Love

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# Love and Fear



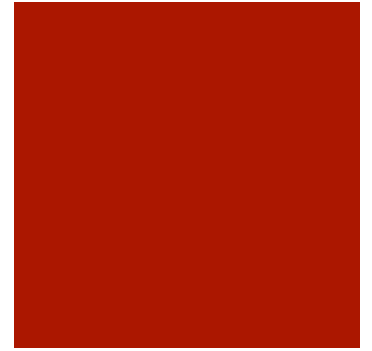
1 John 4:18 (MSG)

There is no room in love for fear. Well-formed love banishes fear. Since fear is crippling, a fearful life - fear of death, fear of judgment - **is one not yet fully formed in love.**

# Types of Fear

## A) Protective Fear

1. Childish Fear
2. Protective Fear
3. Fear of God
4. Fear of Authority



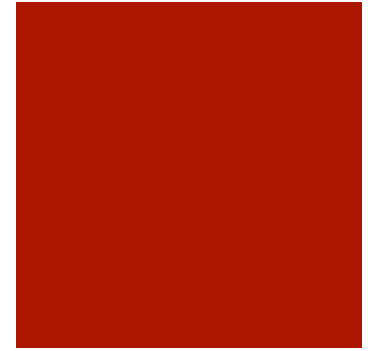
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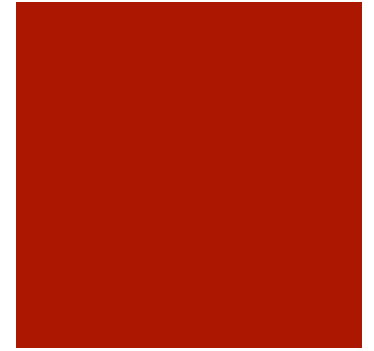
## B) Destructive Fear

### 1. Fear of Punishment

1 John 4:18 (NLT)

Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is **for fear of punishment**, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love.





## Matthew 25:24-31 (MSG)

25 I was afraid I might disappoint you, so I found a good **hiding place** and secured your money. Here it is, safe and sound down to the last cent.'

28-29 "'Take the thousand and give it to the one who risked the most. And get rid of this **"play-it-safe"** who won't go out on a limb.

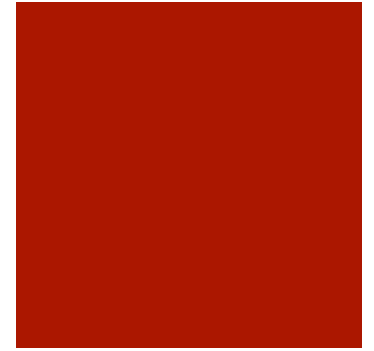
## B) Destructive Fear

### 2. Fear that Hides

- Hide our feelings
- Hide our Sins
- Hide our Opinions and Thoughts
- Bury our Talents and Gifts
- Shyness, Compliant, Overly Cautious, Fear Paralyzes

Fear Stunts our Emotional Growth

Fear Creates immaturity because it blocks Love



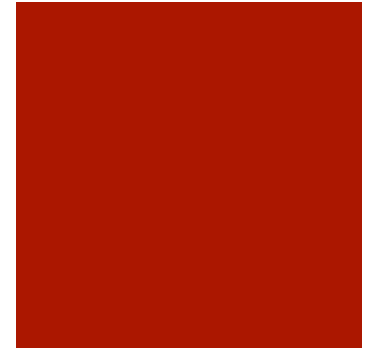
# No Fear in Love



There is no fear in love: true love has no room for fear, because **where fear is, there is pain**; and he who is not free from fear is not complete in Love.

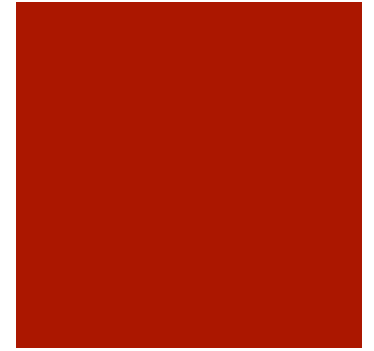
Pain of the past still influences us.

# Control



- This is the opposite to freedom
- I am afraid so I will take control
- I don't want to be hurt so I will control those around me.
- Control takes many forms;
  - Extroverted personalities: Anger, Domination, aggression, intimidation, Violence.
  - Introverted Personalities: Withdrawal, Silence, Manipulation, emotional blackmail.

Control is always rooted in Fear



## 1 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.

# John 8:2-11



7 So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first."

10b "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?"

11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

# What are we motivated by?



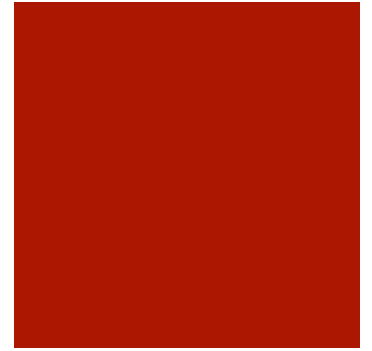
Love or Fear?

2 Tim 1:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

If we know that God loves us we are not afraid of anything

# God has given us a Spirit of Love



Rom 5:5

Now hope does not disappoint, because **the love of God has been poured out in our hearts** by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.