

I. Introduction

A. **Philippians 1:28 (NLT)** – *Don't be intimidated in any way by your enemies. This will be a sign to them that they are going to be destroyed, but that you are going to be saved, even by God himself*

B. Intimidated Definition

1. Bible def = frighten for the purpose of causing one to fall
To scare – to cause to fly away
2. Other definitions
 - a. To frighten or overawe someone specially to make them do what one wants.
 - b. Intimidation may include – alarming, terrorizing, discouraging, unnerving, bullying, pressuring, harassing, persecuting.
 - c. To deter – to compel – witnesses are often intimidated for the purpose of deterring them from testifying.
 - d. To discourage someone from doing something by instilling fear or doubt.

C. One of Satan's greatest tactics is to intimidate God's people.

1. **Nehemiah 6:9 (NLT)** – *They were just trying to intimidate us, imagining that they could discourage us and stop the work. So I continued the work with even greater determination*
2. **John 14:27 (AMPC)** – *Peace I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.]*
 - a. Intimidation comes when we are unsettled.
 - b. **Colossians 1:23 (KJV)** – *If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel,*

which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister

- c. Settled = firmly unmovable
- d. When you are unsettled, you are movable – when intimidation occurs, you will be easily moved

3. Satan's goal is to move you!

- a. Move you out of faith.
- b. Move you out of victory.
- c. Move you away from church.
- d. Move you away from truth.
- e. Move you away from healing.
- f. Move you away from the Spirit.
- g. Move you away from your authority.
- h. Move you away from your Identity.

D. Satan is a defeated enemy!

It's one thing when you go up against an enemy that has a winning record – it's another thing when you go up against an enemy that has already been declared the loser.

1. **Luke 10:17-19 (NKJV)** – ¹⁷Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” ¹⁸And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you”

- a. Trample = to advance by setting foot upon. To encounter successfully – *Meaning = a path in which we will step upon our enemy in defeating him – or – we will step over his obstacles.*
- b. Jesus said, “I have witnessed Satan's defeat before when he was cast out of heaven for rebellion. *Now I will witness his defeat on a different level – I am giving you the authority to deal with him at every level – over ALL the power of the enemy – nothing by any means shall hurt you!*”
- c. When it comes to the devil – you will not have to be intimidated/fearful/cowardly/timid.

- d. You can be bold – because your authority and power/is greater than his!

2. Scriptures in Colossians

- a. **Colossians 1:13 (NKJV)** – *He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love*
- b. **Colossians 2:15 (NKJV)** – *Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.*

Colossians 2:15 (AMP) – *When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities [those supernatural forces of evil operating against us], He made a public example of them [exhibiting them as captives in His triumphal procession], having triumphed over them through the cross*

Colossians 2:15 (CEV) – *There Christ defeated all powers and forces. He let the whole world see them being led away as prisoners when he celebrated his victory*

3. **1 Peter 3:22 (HCSB)** – *Now that He has gone into heaven, He is at God's right hand with angels, authorities, and powers subject to Him*

4. **Ephesians 1:19-23 (CEV)** – ¹⁹*I want you to know about the great and mighty power that God has for us followers. It is the same wonderful power he used ²⁰when he raised Christ from death and let him sit at his right side in heaven. ²¹There Christ rules over all forces, authorities, powers, and rulers. He rules over all beings in this world and will rule in the future world as well. ²²God has put all things under the power of Christ, and for the good of the church he has made him the head of everything. ²³The church is the body of Christ and is filled with Christ who completely fills everything*

E. Never Intimidated

1. **By Satan himself – He has been defeated.**

2. By any of his tactics – we are not ignorant of his devices.
3. Threats
4. Anything associated with his works.
 - a. Sickness
 - b. Weakness
 - c. Temptation
 - d. Fear
 - e. Worry
 - f. Anxiety
 - g. Poverty/lack
5. **Deuteronomy 31:6 (MSG)** – *“Be strong. Take courage. Don’t be intimidated. Don’t give them a second thought because GOD, your God, is striding ahead of you. He’s right there with you. He won’t let you down; he won’t leave you.”*