

Dear God...

...I QUIT!

Signed

**New Years
Resignation** pt 1

James 4:6-10

The
Illusion
of

Control



The Need For Control

Illusion

There is An Attack On the Church Today

- It Sneaks in the Back Door
- It Pretends It Is the Voice Of Reason

One of the Biggest Addictions In the Church World Today Is:

- The Addiction to Control
 - Bred by Fear -*protect*
 - Led by Pride -*promote*

Both of these Components are

- Dangerous
- Deceptive

THE ONLY WAY
GOD CAN SHOW US

HE'S IN CONTROL

IS TO PUT US IN
SITUATIONS

WE CAN'T CONTROL.

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God Never Wants His Children...
...to be Consumed By
...this Terrible Duo (Pride/ Fear)
...Or It's By-Product (Control)

SITUATIONS

WE CAN'T CONTROL.



Dangers of Fear

Fear

- Brings Torment
- Breeds Bondage
- Exaggerates
 - Builds up the Negative
 - Tears Down the Positive

1 John 4:18 (NKJV)

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.



Dangers of Fear



Fear Will Cause You to..

- oRun When No One Is Chasing You***
- oHear What No One Is Saying***
- oClose Your Own Door of Opportunity***
- oDread Your Own Shadow***



PRIDE

THE GREATEST SIN OF ALL

Dangers of Pride

- **Pride Makes Us Independent...**

- Pride causes us to not seek counsel -**1 Cor 8:1-2**

- **Pride is Often the Motivator for Sins...**

- The first sin to be committed in the earth was due to pride -**Gen 3:9**

- **Pride Makes Us Oblivious to Danger...**

- “Pride goeth before destruction/ an haughty spirit before a fall.” -**Prov 16:18**

- **Pride Makes Us Blind...**

- **Luke 18:9-14** In the parable the pharisee could not see his spiritual condition because of pride resulting in his self righteousness.

- **Pride Makes Us Foolish...**

- Prides gives men a foolish sense of wisdom -**Prov 1:7; 1 Cor 3:18-20**

SOURCE: Blanchard, K., & Hodges, P. (2005). Lead like Jesus: Lessons for everyone from the greatest leadership role model of all time. Nashville, Tenn.: Thomas Nelson.

PRIDE

Romans 12:3

FEAR

Proverbs 29:25

**Promoting
Self**



**Protecting
Self**

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**Promoting
Self**

Together They Become a...

...Deadly Force

...That Demands to Be In Control;

...Causing Us to Take God's Place

**Protecting
Self**

Say This Together...

Good morning!

This is God.

**I will be handling all of your
problems today.**

**I will not need your help,
so have a miraculous day.**

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