

Rev. David Strong

Fear can be healthy as well as destructive

I was talking with a friend over lunch. He said that he believes that many people are afraid of the future. "If there is anything they experience, it is fear," he suggested. "They believe that our major institutions are out of control."

We all have times during which we experience fear. The continued arms race is a reason for fear. The drift of our economy produces worry. Unemployment is a harsh reality. We can worry about our health. Parents can fear for their children's future.

Worry and fear lead us new to the world around us. No society has had such reason for security and comfort. Yet fear and worry are with us. Often they seem to overwhelm us.

Religion teaches us to trust in a loving and caring God. Those who deal with life from a faith perspective work at replacing fear with trust.

ARE THERE THREE basic meanings for the word "fear"? Fear usually means fear of the unknown or the unknown. This negative fear is the result of evil doing. It is the fear of dying. It is the fear produced by legalism. It is the fear that has to do with punishment. It is a fear which produces cowardice and the decision not to stand for what is right.

The writer of I John in the Bible gives an answer to our destructive fear when he says, "Perfect love casts out fear." Such a resource will be helpful to us in a day in which we seem to multiply destructive fear.

In discovering the difference between destructive fear and a proper religious meaning we can build our confidence and our hope in the future.

Older workers expected to become more common as U.S. population ages

An aging population and the economic environment will make older workers increasingly important to American business. In a country, two specialists on aging predict in a University of Michigan publication.

Lois Farber Copperman and Fred D. Keast of the Institute on Aging at Portland State University in Oregon, say that firms which will be expanding their employment of older workers should begin now to develop appropriate policies.

Writing in Human Resource Management, a quarterly publication of the U. M. Graduate School of Business Administration, Copperman and Keast say that "we are entering a period of transition in the population which will gradually but surely change the face of American labor."

"One of the most fundamental and unrelenting challenges facing business today involves preparing for the worker of tomorrow. This worker will be older than today's applicant and may require employment and remunerative policies which are considered experimental today."

The article says that today's college graduates are the last of the baby boom generation to enter the labor market.

"Throughout the 1980s the number of new, young entrants will drop sharply to levels well below anything the United States has experienced in the recent past. By the year 2,000, slightly more than half of the working-age population will be concentrated between the ages of 35 and 54; individuals between the ages of 20 and 34, who now comprise 45 percent of the labor force, will account for less than 35 percent. Because their participation rate in the labor force is already high, the labor supply available to employers will be increasingly comprised of individuals with previous work experience."

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MAILING AIDE - The National Foundation for Health and Wellness needs a mail collator to arrange, assemble and transport special mailings. Persons

usually not very convincing. Religious people also have largely forgotten the significance of awe. Seldom do we expect to feel awe and fear in the face of God's action.

WILLIAM BARCLAY states that there can be no religion without reverence. Fear in its usual meaning of awe and reverence, can inspire. It can motivate people to change in a positive manner. It can counteract the worship of man which often leads us to do wrong.

The writer of I John says, "glory to man in the highest for man is had such reason for security and comfort. Yet fear and worry are with us. Often they seem to overwhelm us."

Only when we are properly placed in relation to God do we see its benefit. Only then will we find courage to face what we most commonly call fear.

THERE IS A destructive side to fear. This side is counteracted by a positive religious faith. This positive fear is the result of evil doing. It is the fear of dying. It is the fear produced by legalism. It is the fear that has to do with punishment. It is a fear which produces cowardice and the decision not to stand for what is right.

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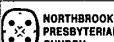
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