

DEACTIVATE DISCOURAGEMENT

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE Job 14:14

ADDITIONAL STUDY
Deuteronomy 1:22-28
Proverbs 24:16
Psalm 31:24

PRAYER POINT

Bind the spirit of discouragement. With your mouth break free from every 'downward' gravitational pull – the things that stop you.

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If a man dies, shall he live again? All the days of my hard service I will wait, Till my change comes. – **Job 14:14**

As we draw close to the end of the year, I want to unmask one of satan's most potent weapons which he would likely employ to make you feel like an underachiever this year - "DISCOURAGEMENT!"

Discouragement is a loss of confidence or enthusiasm. It is a feeling of hopelessness - sensing that something you expect is unlikely to happen. The purpose is to dampen your spirit. It is easy to become discouraged especially nearing the end of a year - unmet expectations, unfulfilled dreams and desires, lost opportunities, failures, fear, unanswered prayers, etc., are the triggers the devil presents to you, in order to sow discouragement into your life.

No matter how gifted you are or how clear you are about your tomorrow, your mission or your targets, if discouragement gets a hold of you, you can kiss all of those 'goodbye.' Discouragement is a demonic spirit – it is responsible for depression, despair and even suicide.

Many of us have already fallen victim to this spirit of discouragement. We still walk around but we have actually signed off on life, and have 'trimmed' our expectations for the year. We still wear the make-up but we have 'caved in' inside. We need to appear in control but we are on the verge of throwing in the towel.

Discouragement comes to all. We all fight with it every now and then; we all feel like quitting, we all question ourselves and the need to proceed; we fight the urge to quit every now and then. However, if not well handled, discouragement can destroy much good. It is a lethal satanic weapon.

How do we deactivate discouragement so it doesn't affect us adversely? Find out tomorrow...