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I used to use puppets a lot in our ministry. One particular puppet I used was a "granny" that had a stick attached to it that I could use to move its arms. I put my hand inside the puppet, and my hands moved its mouth. The kids and adults always liked it.

Then there are the kind of puppets that have strings. If you are skilled, you can make them walk and act like they were real. Remember Pinocchio? Whichever puppet it is, someone must either "pull its strings" or maneuver it to make it look real.

Who is it that pulls your strings? Are you attached to God or the world? Is social media pulling your strings and making you jump? Are the news channels pulling your strings and causing fear and anger to "control" you? Is your government pulling your strings and controlling every move you make? Whoever you give the strings to, will control your lives.

Many people are letting "fear" pull their strings and they are constantly tormented. They are still in fear of Covid19, and many still wear masks. They are afraid of the storms that might come, afraid of end times, and afraid of death itself. When fear says jump, they say "How high?"

II Timothy 1:7 says, "For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." If God does not give us fear, then it must come from Satan. Do not let the spirit of fear pull your strings! Take authority over fear and say, NO! Let the word of God give you faith to resist fear and it will flee!

It is your choice, and I know personally what fear can do, but I overcame it with the Lord's help and so can you! Let God be the one that leads you by giving him control of the strings of your life.