

Fear isn't something God uses to
Humble us or Build our Faith!

THE TRUTH ABOUT HOW GOD HASN'T GIVEN US A SPIRIT OF FEAR

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"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity or cowardice or fear, but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of sound judgment and personal discipline [abilities that result in a calm, well-balanced mind and self-control]."

1. FOR GOD WILL NEVER GIVE YOU THE SPIRIT OF FEAR, [A] BUT THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO GIVES YOU MIGHTY POWER, LOVE, AND SELF-CONTROL. [B]

Verses 6-14 Here is an exhortation and excitation of Timothy to his duty (v. 6):

I put thee in remembrance. - The best men need remembrancers; what we know we should be reminded of. 2 Pt. 3:1, I write this, to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance.

Further, you see that this gift was in him by the putting on of the apostle's hands, which I take to be distinct from his ordination, for that was performed by the hands of the presbytery,

1 Tim. 4:14. It is probable that Timothy had the Holy Ghost, in his extraordinary gifts and graces, conferred on him by the laying on of the apostle's hands (for I reckon that none but the apostles had the power of giving the Holy Ghost), and afterwards, being thus richly furnished for the work of the ministry, was ordained by the presbytery.

2. FEAR IS THE UNRESPONSIVE FORWARD PROGRESS OF FAITH HEBREWS. 1: 3-4 (READ IT)

3. FEAR DOESN'T STOP THE WORD., IT SLOWS IT DOWN.... WHAT GOD HASN'T GIVEN, BECOMES A DETERRENT TO WHAT GOD WANTS US TO HAVE...

4. TIMOTHY WAS REMINDED BY PAUL AT THE OUTSET TO STIR UP THE GIFT OF GOD....

He exhorts him to stir up the gift of God that was in him. Stir it up as fire under the embers. It is meant of all the gifts and graces the God had given him, to qualify him for the work of an evangelist, the gifts of the Holy Ghost, the extraordinary gifts that were conferred by the imposition of the apostle's hands.

**5. STIRRING UP THE GIFT....IS EMPOWERING THE CONFIDENCE OF FAITH.....
SAY THIS.... WE MUST TRUST IN HIS WISDOM AND GOODNESS**

**“AN ARROGANT AND GREEDY MAN STIRS UP STRIFE, BUT HE WHO TRUSTS
IN THE LORD WILL BE BLESSED AND PROSPER.” PROVERBS**

**“THE FEAR OF MAN BRINGS A SNARE, BUT WHOEVER TRUSTS IN AND PUTS
HIS CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD WILL BE EXALTED AND SAFE.” PROVERBS**

**“FOR THE LORD IS GOOD; HIS MERCY AND LOVINGKINDNESS ARE
EVERLASTING, HIS FAITHFULNESS [ENDURES] TO ALL GENERATIONS. ”
PSALMS**

**6. THE GIFT OF GOD WAS THERE IN HIS LIFE BECAUSE OF THE
FAITHFULNESS OF TIMOTHY’S MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER.**

**PLACING THE GIFT’S OF GOD INTO OPERATION IF A PHYSICAL AND
SPIRITUAL EXERCISE IN THE MIDST OF DIFFICULTIES AND DANGERS,
SICKNESS AND CALAMITY.**

**7. WE MUST STIR UP; WE MUST EXERCISE THEM TO INCREASE THEM: USE
GIFTS AND HAVE GIFTS.**

St. Matthew 5:29 “For to everyone who has [and values his blessings and gifts from God, and has used them wisely], more will be given, and [he will be richly supplied so that] he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have [because he has ignored or disregarded his blessings and gifts from God], even what he does have will be taken away.

8. WE MUST TAKE ALL OPPORTUNITIES TO USE THESE GIFTS, AND SO STIR THEM UP, FOR THAT IS THE BEST WAY OF INCREASING THEM.

WHETHER THE GIFT OF GOD IN TIMOTHY WAS ORDINARY OR EXTRAORDINARY (THOUGH I INCLINE TO THE LATTER), HE MUST STIR IT UP, OTHERWISE IT WOULD DECAY.

NOW GOD HATH THEREFORE ARMED US AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF FEAR, BY OFTEN BIDDING US FEAR NOT. "FEAR NOT THE FACE OF MAN; FEAR NOT THE DANGERS YOU MAY MEET WITH IN THE WAY OF YOUR DUTY."

IN CONCLUSION - God hath delivered us from the spirit of fear, and hath given us the spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

The spirit of power, or of courage and resolution to encounter difficulties and dangers; —the spirit of love to God, which will carry us through the opposition we may meet with, as Jacob made nothing of the hard service he was to endure for Rachel: the spirit of love to God will set us above the fear of man, and the enemy!



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SUB: HOW TO COMBAT DOUBT AND DEVELOP A SOUND MIND

2 TIM 2:1 – BE STRONG IN THE GRACE THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS AMP – SO YOU, MY SON, BE STRONG [CONSTANTLY STRENGTHENED] AND EMPOWERED IN THE GRACE THAT IS [TO BE FOUND ONLY] IN CHRIST JESUS.

A. DOUBT OPENS THE DOOR TO THE REALITY OR SUBSTANCE AND UNBELIEF.

B. THE WORD INSTILLS THE THINGS (THE DOCTRINE, PRECEPTS, ADMONITIONS, THE WEIGHT OF ONE'S MINISTRY.)

C. WHICH MUST BE ENTRUSTED TO FAITHFUL MEN

^{c1} Who are able to teach others? ^{c2} Who are able to endure hardness? ^{c3} Who are able to not get caught up in worldly affairs?

D. THE NECESSITY TO BE QUALIFIED TO HELP OTHERS

^{d1} Are we qualified? ^{d2} The things [the doctrine, the precepts, the admonitions, the sum of my ministry] which you have heard me teach [a] in the presence of many witnesses, entrust [as a treasure] to reliable and faithful men who will also be capable and qualified to teach others. ^{d3} Take with me your share of hardship [passing through the difficulties which you are called to endure], like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

^{d4} No soldier in active service gets entangled in the [ordinary business] affairs of civilian life; [he avoids them] so that he may please the one who enlisted him to serve. ^{d5} And if anyone competes as an athlete [in competitive games], he is not crowned [with the wreath of victory] unless he competes according to the rules. ^{d6} The hard-working farmer [who labors to produce crops] ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops. ^{d7} Think over the things I am saying [grasp their application], for the Lord will grant you insight and understanding in everything.

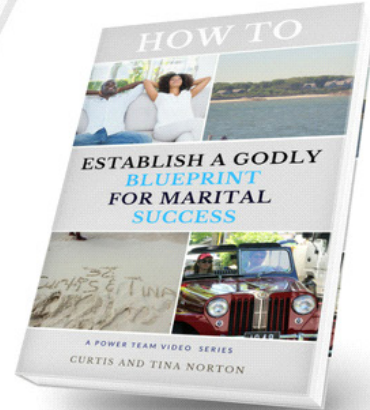


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