

TODAY'S LESSON

“STIR UP THE GIFT OF  
GOD IN YOU”

(2 Timothy 1:3-7)

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***STIR UP THE GIFT OF GOD  
WHICH IS IN YOU***

**2 TIMOTHY 1:6-7**

# Final Words

- Moses to Israel in Deuteronomy 1-34
- Joshua to the same generation “*Choose today whom you will serve!*” Josh. 24:1-31
- David to Solomon 1 Chronicles 22:6-16
- David to Israel 1 Chron. 29:1-20
- Jesus to His disciples John 13-17; Acts 1
- Paul to the Ephesian elders Acts 20:17-38
- Paul to Timothy in 2 Timothy

## 2 Timothy

The main idea: “*stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands*” 1:6

“*stir up*” literally means “*revive fire*”

“*the gift of God*” in 2 Tim. 1:6 through (by) Paul laying his hands on Timothy

“*the gift of God*” in 1 Tim. 4:14 is *with* (not *by*) *the hands of the eldership*; that gift *was given through prophecy* (1 Tm 1:18)

The gift in 1 Tim. 4:14 was the work of evangelist Ephesians 4:11

## 2 Timothy 1:6

*“the gift of God”* in 2 Tim. 1:6 is through Paul’s hands

Spiritual gift Romans 1:11

Acts 8:18 *through the apostles’ hands*

Acts 6:6 Philip received gift from apostles but could not give his gift to Samaritans

2 Cor.12:12 *signs of an apostle*

Temporary gifts 1 Cor.13:8-10

Permanent faith, hope, and love v.13

## 2 Timothy 1:7

**1:7** is the **outline**: *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

**Introduction 1:1-7**

*God has not given us a spirit of fear* **1:8-18**

*But of power, and of love, and of a sound mind* **2:1-4:8**

**Conclusion 4:9-22**

# Basic Outline for **2 Timothy**

**Introduction 1:1-7**

*God has not given us a **spirit** of fear 1:8-18*

*But of **power**, and **love**, and **discipline** 2:1-4:8*

[**God has given us a spirit**] of **power** 2:1-13

[**God has given us a spirit**] of **love** 2:14-26

[**God has given us a spirit**] of **discipline** 3:1-4:8

**Conclusion 4:9-22**

# *God has not given us a spirit of fear*

**1:8-18**

- **1:8-11** *do not be ashamed of the testimony of the Lord* **Romans 10:5-10; 1 John 4:18**
- **1:12** *I am not ashamed* **Rom.1:16**
- **1:13-14** **faithfully keep the faithful word**
- **1:15** **All in Asia have turned away from me**  
**Phygelus and Hermogenes (nicknames?)**
- **1:16-18** **Onesiphorus was not ashamed**



But [God has given us a spirit] of power

2:1-13

- 2:1-7 “*Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus*” endurance, faithfulness
- Hard work teaching, training others v.2
- Metaphors for strong Christians v.3-7
- Soldier v.3-4 *share hardship*; do not fraternize with the enemy; please Christ
- Athlete v.5 follow the rules → win the prize
- Farmer v.6 hard work rewarded; first to share the fruits of his labor

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- Resurrection from death is foundation v.8

The word of God is not chained v.9

Philippians 1:12-14; 4:22

Paul said, “*I endure all things*” for the elect to receive salvation in Christ v.10

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- **2:11-13** a faithful saying about faithfulness

If died → also shall live **Galatians 2:20**

If we endure → we shall reign **Rom. 8:17,37**

If we deny → He will deny us **Matt. 10:33**

If we are disbelieving → He remains faithful

[**God has given us a spirit**] of love

**2:14-26**

- **2:14 Teach brethren not to fight**
- **2:15 Love the word of truth with diligence and care**
- **2:16-18 Avoid babblings that lead to ungodliness**

**Faith of some is overthrown**

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- **2:19 Foundation of our relationships**

**The love of God for us Rom.5:1-11**

**The name of Christ 1 Cor. 1:10-13; 1 Pt 4:16**

**Motivation to avoid iniquity Titus 2:11-14**



[**God has given us a spirit**] of love

**2:14-26**

- **2:19-22 Purity in God's house**

**Cleanse yourself first**

**Flee youthful lusts 1 Thess. 4:3-8**

**Pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace**

- **2:23-26 Do not cause strife**
- **Gentleness, patience, humility, compassion to reach those trapped in sin**
- **“able to teach” = “to cause to learn”**

[**God has given us a spirit**] of discipline

**3:1-4:8**

*But you be watchful in all things* **4:5**

*But watch thou in all things* (KJV)

*But you, keep your head in all situations* (NIV)

- **3:1-9** *keep your head when everyone else is losing theirs*

Last days of any society **Genesis 6:5,8**

The list begins and ends with **SELF**

**Social problems also corrupt the church!**

**v.5-9**

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**3:1-4:8**

- **3:10-17** *keep your head in the scriptures*

Paul's example **v.10-13**

Source of Timothy's **saving faith v.14-17**

God's **profitable words v.16**

For **teaching us what to believe**

For **showing us our errors**

For **telling us how to be right again**

For **instructing us how to live righteously**

**Only source for good works v.17; 1 Cor. 4:6**



[**God has given us a spirit**] of discipline

**3:1-4:8**

- **4:1-5** keep your head on your task  
*Preach the word* (convict, rebuke, encourage)  
*In season and out of season*  
*Do the work of an evangelist* (study, know,  
meditate, live, preach the gospel of Christ **1**  
**Tim. 4:12-16**)
- **4:6-8** keep your head even when I will lose  
mine (Paul's death was imminent)

# Fully Use the Gifts God Has Given You

- **Heb.11:6** diligently seek God
- Have a faith that pleases God
- **Acts 2:38** repentance is the most common meaning of how to seek God
- **Rom. 10:10-13** confessing Jesus is Lord is part of how to call on the name of the Lord
- **Acts 22:16** baptism in the name of the Lord is calling on the name of the Lord **Acts 2:21,36-38,41,47; 1 Peter 3:21**

# Fully Use the Gifts God Has Given You

- **2 Peter 1:5-11** give all diligence to add to your faith **1 Cor. 3:21** *All things are yours*
- **Rev.2:10** *Be faithful unto death*
- **Matt. 22:37-39** love God with all your heart
- **Ephesians 4:16** unity based on degree of your and my connection to Christ
- Percentage of effort to potential
- Percentage of members working
- Percentage of members working together

