

ABLAZE  
2 Timothy 1:6-7

- I. Timothy's Outlook
  - a. Needed encouragement to Continue in Ministry 1 Timothy 4:12
    - i. Paul wanted to fortify Timothy's steadfastness in ministry in Ephesus
    - ii. Possibly struggled with the disappointments and failures in ministry.
    - iii. Some suggested he was despondent because of trials
  - b. Possibility of Timidity
    - i. In the midst of opposition v.13-14
      - 1. People turned away from Paul in Asia
    - ii. No timidity in the presence of suffering 1:12; 2:3; 3:12; 4:5
  - c. Not to be Ashamed v.8
    - i. Of the Gospel
    - ii. In defense of Paul's imprisonment
- II. Rekindle
  - a. Kindle Afresh- this is a continuous fanning of the flame
    - i. To refresh or stir the flame continually;
    - ii. Keep in full flame
    - iii. This was a reminder to fan the flame of his gift from God
  - b. Gift of God- God equipped you the through the Holy Spirit. 2. Tim 3:17;
    - i. Timothy needed to be reminded of his calling and purpose
    - ii. Reminded of God's commission on his life represented by the laying of hands
- III. God Given Gift
  - a. God Given
    - i. God has given us His Holy Spirit Eph 3:16
    - ii. Not of timidity- **lack of mental or moral strength, cowardice**
  - b. Power
    - i. Power - **potential for functioning in some way, power, might, strength, force, capability**
    - ii. "power," is a characteristic of the Holy Spirit in the NT (Lk. 4:14; Acts 1:8; Rom. 15:13, 19; Eph. 3:16).
  - c. Love- Galatians 5:22
    - i. Love- **the quality of warm regard for and interest in another, esteem, affection, regard, love** (without limitation to very intimate relationships)
    - ii. Poured out through the Spirit- Romans 5:5
  - d. Discipline - **the teaching of prudence, advice, improvement**
    - i. Paul uses a cognate term, σῶφρων, "prudent, thoughtful, self-controlled,"
    - ii. "to have sound judgment," which seems in that context to combine the characteristics of prudence and self-discipline.
    - iii. self-discipline that can use restraint and oppose indulgence

