

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

MORNING MESSAGE

“Don’t Be Ashamed” – Part 1

2 Timothy 1:6-8

- I. REKINDLE YOUR GIFT (v.6)
 - A. Paul is talking about a spiritual gift
 1. Spiritual gifts are found in three places in Scripture
 - a. Romans 12:6-8
 - b. 1 Corinthians 12:28-30
 - c. Ephesians 4:11
 2. Timothy has the gift of “pastor-teacher”
 - a. “Pastor” literally means a shepherd
 - b. “Teacher” means to feed the flock
 - c. 1 Timothy 4:14, “Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy with the laying on of hands by the presbytery”
 3. Paul told Timothy to “stir up the gift of God”
 - a. “Stir up” literally means “keep the fire alive” or “stir the flame”
 - b. Genesis 45:27, “and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived”
- II. REALIZE YOUR RESOURCES (v.7)
 - A. There is a resource Timothy does not have: fear
 1. “Fear” is not the usual Greek word “phobos”, but the Greek word “deilia” that means cowardice, timidity, shame, weakness, frailty, or unmanliness
 2. “Spirit” should be capitalized because the reference is to the Holy Spirit
 - B. There are resources Timothy does have: power, love, and a sound mind
 1. “Power” translates the Greek word “dunamis” that gives us the English word “dynamite”
 - a. Acts 1:8, “But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth”
 2. “Love” translates the Greek word “agape” which means unconditional, uninitiated love

- a. It's the kind of love God has for the world: John 3:16, "For God so loved the world"; Romans 5:8, "But God commendeth his love toward us"
- b. It's the kind of love God put in all believers: Romans 5:5, "because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us"; 1 John 4:18, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love"
- 3. "Sound mind" translates a Greek word that is only found here in the New Testament; it means discipline or self-control
 - a. A similar word is translated "sober" in Titus 2:4

III. RECEIVE YOUR CRITICISM (v.8)

- A. Timothy was being criticized for two reasons
 - 1. He was identified with "our Lord" (Jesus Christ)
 - 2. He was identified with "His prisoner" (Paul)
- B. Receive your criticism with joy
 - 1. 1 Peter 4:14-16, "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye...if any man suffer as a Christian, let him be not ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf"
 - 2. Galatians 6:17, "I bear in my body the marks (scars) of the Lord Jesus Christ"
 - 3. John 16:33, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world"