



L I V I N G
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2Ti 1:5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also. **2Ti 1:6** Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. **2Ti 1:7** For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Review: "...put thee in remembrance...": As we fight the good fight of faith, we need to minister in light of spiritual reality. (it is a good fight of faith—we have a fight worth fighting—that person we pass on the street/hallway is lost in sin and hellbound unless we fight for him). Fear can make us forget spiritual reality when we need it the most!

Intro: Stir up the gift of God which is in thee: There is something in you, given to you by God that requires stirring up.

I. What is the gift?

A. A spirit of love:

1. We believe, receive, and reciprocate the Love of God (1 Jn 4:7-21).
2. Love is our motivation! 2 Co 5:13-14, Rom 12:1.

B. A spirit of power:

1. We have it (Eph 1:15-23)
2. We have it for a purpose (Acts 1:8, 2 Ti 1:8). Do not fall for the misappropriation of, or focus on the manifestation of the power of God given to us.

C. A spirit of a sound mind:

1. Found only here (cannot compare scripture with scripture) Root word is discipline, as in self control.
2. Very similar to sober minded (Titus 2:4,6,12), or moderate. Idea is that our mind is not easily moved.

D. Not a spirit of fear! (Matt 25:14-30)

"Spirit":

Capital S = Holy Spirit

Lower case s = other spirit of some sort. Here it is the new nature in the child of God.

II. How do we stir it up? (Ps 142) Pray like David in his cave, then engage in the work of the ministry in faith:

- A. Acknowledge him & his goodness & plan for us (V.3) including a place in his Kingdom.
- B. Believe in him! Make God your refuge and reward (V.4-5). Stand alone if need be. V.4 comes before V. 7.
- C. Anticipate spiritual blessing (V.7). Timothy, David, you and I are all people being prepared for a purpose.
- D. Engage in your local church structure in faith (2 Ti 1:6, 11, etc.). Evangelize!

III. What can we expect to be the result of doing so?

- A. Power, love and a sound mind manifested in the midst of spiritual battle (2 Ti 1:8).