

I. Heritage - 2 Tim. 1:3-5

1. Thankful - he has a clear conscience (**verses 3-4**)
 - Rea -is a clear conscience necessary for thankfulness?
 - A. Ancestors - his parents or the Pharisees or the patriarchs (like Abraham)
 2. He prays for Timothy night and day
 - as he prays he remembers Timothy's tears
 - Rea -actually not told the occasion of his "tears"
 - he assures the young pastor of his longing to see him
 - Rea -I miss you
 3. Sincere faith (**verse 5**)
 - first seen in grandmother (Lois) and mother (Eunice)
 - his father is not mentioned and most believe him to be an unbeliever
 - Rea -obviously Timothy had had good support in the faith
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
1. Discuss the influence of a godly grandmother... mother
 - discuss "single-parenting" in the faith - if the dad does not believe
 - Paul was Timothy's spiritual father
 2. A letter with assurance of prayer - how important is that
 3. Sounds as if Timothy had support, but it was just not right there, at this time
 4. Sincere in faith - not gifted, nor supernaturally qualified... "sincere" seems to be very important to Paul

II. Gifted - 2 Tim. 1:6-7

1. Fan the flame of God (**verse 6**)
 - his giftedness by the Holy Spirit
 - fan the flame - means to bring it to fame again
 2. Conflict has the effect of dampening our faith
 - so we don't serve with fervor - as we once did
 - conflict can lead to withdrawal or hesitancy
 3. What was the gift?
 - A. A spiritual empowerment
 - B. Not natural ability
 - C. Was within Timothy
 - D. Confirmed by the laying on of hands - appointment for service (Acts 6:6)
 4. Verse 7 tells us why Timothy needed to so "fan" (**verse 7**)
 - A. The spirit does not make us "timid"
 - Rea -I prefer the KJV - not "fear"
 - B. The Spirit of God is one of power, love and a self-discipline
 - power - strength
 - love - to reach out
 - self-discipline - to know how they should minister
 - Rea -to stay focused, using our minds rather than being tossed about by our fears
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**

1. Fear is contrasted with - power, love and a sound mind
 - you live in one of the other
 - fear is from the devil and the Holy Spirit shows up in the other characteristics
 - the contrast here helps us distinguish where these feelings we have come from - their source
2. Note it was through the laying on of “my” hands
 - not an ordination council
3. It is easy for Christian people to become intimidated by the devil and his adversaries... to be backed down - or “threatened” - see Acts 4 how the council threatened Peter and John telling them not to preach any more
 - one of Satan’s weapons is the “lie” - he cannot really do anything, but he makes us think he can do a lot - he lies
4. So you can have a gift and it need “fanning?” - polishing?

III. Unashamed - 2 Timothy 1:8-12

1. Even though a prisoner Paul was unashamed (**verse 8**)
 - by contrast, join with me in suffering for him
- Rea -note that by being withdrawn or dampened by others, we can avoid “suffering”
- Rea 2. Was he ashamed, or just in danger of becoming so?
- Rea 3. When we see others willing to suffer for Christ it emboldens us to do the same
4. Even in adversity God has been faithful (**verses 9-10**)
 - A. Saved and called them
 - Rea -note we are “called” to a holy life
 - Rea -“saved” and “called” are different things here
 - B. A “holy life” is where our calling takes us - holiness
 - Rea -I am holy you be holy
 - this is God’s purpose and provided grace
 - this was from the beginning of time... but now revealed to us at this time
 - C. Christ was destined to “destroy death”
5. This is the “gospel” to which Paul was appointed (**verses 11-12**)
 - A. Appointed
 - B. A herald
 - C. An apostle
 - D. A teacher
 - E. So... this is why he is suffering as he did
6. On the other hand, he is not ashamed... for he knows in whom he has believed
 - he is persuaded that God will see him through
- Rea -note it is very personal for Paul - he knows Him and he knows he can trust Him
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 1. Discuss circumstances in which we are backed down by Satan, or his helpers
 2. The idea of “appointment” in verse 11 is a good analogy - you have an appointment from God to do certain things - similar to our appointment, or assignment in the military
 3. Right alongside his appointment was the suffering that goes with it

IV. Loyal - 2 Tim. 1:13-14

1. Another encouragement - keep these things
 - the pattern of sound teaching
 - faith and love in Christ Jesus
- Rea 2. "Guard" what was "entrusted" to you
 - be loyal to what you have seen in me - follow my example
 - what was given him by God?
 - a deposit from God
- Rea 3. What was it?- could be any number of things
 - the office
 - the message - gospel
 - the assignment at this particular church
4. Our writer thinks that what we "guard" is the gospel itself
5. How to guard it?? - with the help of the Holy Spirit
- Rea **Ideas and Questions:**
 1. Have you been "entrusted" with anything from God?
 2. Be faithful to guard your trust
 3. Verse 14 speaks of the "good deposit" - great analogy of being handed over something
 4. I believe that pastors are given - the responsibility of helping those in their churches
 - the message itself
 - the proclaiming of the message - being a herald (as Paul)
 - deacons are given a good "deposit" in their office as deacons

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