

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Second Timothy Bible Study — II Timothy 1:6-8 Lesson #2

****INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the entire section of Scripture in Second Timothy before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God's word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

6 Therefore I remind you to **STIR UP the GIFT of GOD which is in you through the LAYING on of my HANDS.**

• **I Timothy 4:14** “Do not _____ the _____ that is in you, which was _____ to _____ by prophecy with the _____ on of the _____ of the presbytery.”

• **Hebrews 6:1-2** “Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of _____, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the _____ of repentance from dead works and of _____ toward _____, of the _____ of baptisms, of _____ on of _____, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.”

• **Colossians 4:17** “Take heed to the _____ which _____ have _____ in the _____, that you may _____ it.”

Definition: “**STIR UP the GIFT of GOD which is in you through the LAYING on of my HANDS**” – Paul is speaking of Timothy's spiritual gifts that he received when he first accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Timothy seems to have the gifts of preaching (also called prophecy), teaching and evangelism. **All spiritual GIFTS are given to us by God**, not by men, but Paul is referring here to **the ceremony of laying on of hands of all the elders in the church (a group of ELDERS is sometimes called the presbytery).** We do this today in our churches, and we call it an **ORDINATION service.**

Someone who feels they are being led by God to be a pastor, missionaries, or go into the ministry in some way will stand before the members of the congregation, and **the pastors and elders will LAY HANDS on them** and pray and commission them into God's service. When Paul says **for Timothy to “stir up” his gift**, it may be that Timothy was struggling with his position as pastor of the church, and **Paul meant to encourage him by reminding him of his gifts from God.**

• **John 3:27** “John answered and said, “A man can _____ nothing unless it has been _____ to him from _____.”

• **I Corinthians 4:7** “For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not _____ [from God]? Now if you did indeed _____ it, why do you glory as if you had not received it?”

• **Hebrews 5:4** “And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is _____ by _____, just as Aaron was.”

• **Ephesians 4:11-13** “And He _____ gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some _____, and some _____ and _____, for the equipping of the saints for the _____ of _____, for the _____ of the _____ of _____, till we all come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect (mature) man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;”

• **I Corinthians 12:27-30** “Now you are the _____ of _____, and members individually. And God has appointed these in the church: first _____, second _____, third _____, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. Are all _____? Are all _____? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all _____ with _____? Do

all interpret?"

•**Romans 12:4-8** "For as we have many members in one body, but all the _____ do _____ have the same _____, so we, being many, are _____ in Christ, and individually members of _____. Having then _____ differing according to the grace that is _____ to us, let us use them: if _____, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry (serving), let us use it in our _____; he who _____, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality (generosity); he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness."

7 For **God has NOT given us a SPIRIT of FEAR**, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

•**Luke 12:30-32** "For all these things do the nations of the world seek after; and your _____ knows that you have _____ of these things. But rather seek the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added to you. _____ not, little flock; for it is your _____ good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

•**Psalms 27:1 & 3** "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I _____? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be _____?" "Though an army should encamp against me, my _____ shall not _____; though _____ should rise up against me, in this will I be confident."

•**Psalms 23:4** "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of _____, I will _____ no _____; for _____ are with me, Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies...."

•**Philippians 4:6** "Be _____ for nothing, but in _____ by _____ and _____, with _____, let your requests be made known to God; and the _____ of God, which surpasses all _____, will guard your _____ and _____ through Christ Jesus."

•**Matthew 14:27** "But immediately _____ spoke to them, saying, 'Be of good _____, it is I; do _____ be _____.'"

Definition: "God has NOT given us a SPIRIT of FEAR" – Is it really possible to live without fear, worry and anxiety in today's world? **God's word tells us that it not only is possible, but we are commanded to "be not afraid" and to "not be anxious for anything."** There may be wars, calamities and terrors of all kinds out in the world, but the Lord is our Shepherd, and He will protect His flock. Not only will the Lord take care of us in the here and now, but He has also promised that we shall eventually triumph and be the inheritors of the whole earth. **You can't obey the commands to "fear not" and "be anxious for nothing" unless you really trust God.** You must trust that He won't make a mistake, that He has your best interest at heart, that He knows the future outcome of all the events that are happening, and that He has the ability to work everything out for your good. Fear is the opposite of faith, so how do you increase your faith in God and His ability to protect and take care of you? God's word says that our faith is increased as we read and take in His word. Romans 10:17, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of God." **You do NOT need to be afraid, because the Almighty God is on your side.** Our God is greater and more powerful than Satan and all his demons, or any human enemy. He is all wise, all knowing, loving, compassionate and merciful. He will take care of His own. Even when we go through difficulties, persecution or trials of any kind, God is there with us and will bring us through it all.

•**Romans 8:31** "What shall we then say to these things? If _____ be _____ us, who can be _____ us?"

•**II Chronicles 32:7-8** "Be strong and courageous, be not _____ or dismayed because... of all the multitude which is with him (the enemy), for the _____ with us is

_____ than the one with him. With him is only an arm of flesh (merely human resources); but with us is the Lord our God to _____ us, and to _____ our _____."

• **I John 4:4** "You are of God, little children, and have _____ them; because _____ is _____ that is _____ you, than he that is in the world."

• **Psalms 27:1 & 3** "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I _____? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be _____?" "Though an _____ should encamp _____ me, my heart shall not _____; though _____ should rise up against me, in this will I be confident."

• **Hebrews 13:5-6** "...He Himself has said, 'I will _____ you, nor forsake you', so that we may boldly say, 'The Lord is my _____, and I will _____ what _____ shall do to me.'"

• **Psalms 37:39-40** "But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord; He is their strength in the time of trouble. And the Lord shall _____ them, and _____ them; He shall deliver them from the _____, and save them, because they _____ in Him."

8 Therefore **do NOT be ASHAMED of the TESTIMONY of our Lord, nor of ME HIS PRISONER**, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God.

• **Ephesians 3:1** "For this reason, I, _____, the _____ of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles ---- "

• **Acts 21:11-13** ".....he took Paul's belt, bound (tied up) his own hands and feet, and said, 'Thus says the _____, 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.' (Verse 13) "Then Paul answered, 'What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am _____ not only to be bound [*in prison*], but also to _____ at Jerusalem for the name of the _____.'"

• **Acts 9:15-16** "But the _____ said to him, 'Go, for he (Paul) is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My _____ before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him (Paul) how _____ things he must _____ for My _____.'"

Definition: "Do NOT be ASHAMED of the TESTIMONY of our Lord, nor of ME HIS PRISONER" - It could be that Timothy's FEARS were because of the persecution of Christians that was happening in that part of the world. **We must NOT be ashamed or FEARFUL of giving our TESTIMONY or of witnessing for Christ**, but we must TRUST the Lord to bring us through, and also that He may have a reason for us being in a certain place or situation so that we can witness to someone about Christ. Remember Paul and Silas in the Philippian jail? They were able to witness to the jailer and his family and lead them to Christ.

• **Romans 1:16** "For I am not _____ of the _____ of _____, for it is the _____ of _____ to _____ for everyone who believes, for the Jew first, and also for the Greek."

• **Philippians 1:12-14** "But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually _____ for the _____ of the _____, so that it has become _____ in the whole _____, and to _____ the rest, that my _____ are in _____. And most of the brethren in the Lord, having become _____ by my _____, are much more _____ to speak the _____ without _____."

• **Acts 28:16** "Now when we came to Rome, the _____ delivered the _____ to the captain of the _____, but _____ was permitted to _____ by _____ with the _____ who _____"

him.”

Definition: “TURNED OUT for the FURTHERANCE of the GOSPEL” – Paul was one of many Christians who were imprisoned for their faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus Himself warned that this would happen, and that we should trust Him to give us the right words to say whenever we were brought before a court, and to use it as an opportunity to give a testimony for our faith in Christ. **Paul’s imprisonment gave him the opportunity to preach the gospel** to the guards and many others connected to them. **“FURTHERANCE of the GOSPEL”** means the PROGRESS of the gospel, so Paul’s imprisonment gave him many opportunities to **preach the gospel to people who might not have been reached any other way**. We need to remember this whenever we are in difficult situations and we wonder, “Lord, why did you allow me to be in this place?” **There may be someone there who needs to HEAR the GOSPEL and YOU are God’s messenger to give them the gospel in that place.**

•**Luke 21:12-15** “But before all these things, they will _____ their _____ on you and persecute you, _____ you up to the synagogues and _____, and you will be brought before kings and rulers for _____ sake. But it will _____ for _____ as an _____ for _____. Therefore settle it in your hearts _____ to meditate beforehand on what you will _____; for I will give you a _____ and _____ which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict.”

•**Acts 16:24-25 & 30-31** “Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner _____ and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were _____ and _____ to _____, and the [other] prisoners were _____ to them.” (Verses 30-31) “And he brought them out and said, ‘Sirs, _____ must I _____ to be _____?’ So they said, ‘_____ on the Lord _____, and you will be _____, you and your household.’”

Definition: “EVIDENT in the WHOLE PALACE GUARD” – Paul was chained to a Roman soldier at all times, or at least, the Roman soldier was guarding him while Paul was in chains. The soldiers would have to change shifts after a certain amount of time, so over the years that Paul was under house arrest, he had the opportunity to preach the gospel to many soldiers in the Roman army. The particular **group of soldiers that guarded Paul were called the “palace guard”** - it did not mean that Paul was somehow being kept in the palace.

•**Acts 28:30-31** “Then _____ dwelt _____ whole _____ in his own rented _____, and received all who came to him, _____ the kingdom of _____ and _____ the things which concern the Lord _____ with all _____, no one forbidding him.”

•**Philippians 4:22** “All the _____ greet you, but especially those who are of _____.”

Definition: “Those who are of CESAR’S HOUSEHOLD” – How could the gospel reach even into the household of the Roman emperor, Cesar? Maybe some members of the household heard the gospel while out in the marketplace or from friends, but a good part of it was probably from the **soldiers that were guarding Paul, who got SAVED and then preached the gospel to their friends in the household or PALACE of Cesar.**