

God's Gifts and the Way They Are to Be Used (2 Timothy 1:6,7)

- Paul expresses 2 concerns 1) Gospel faithfulness 2) Timothy's well-being
- 1-3 – Paul seeks to motivate Timothy to remember God's work in him
- He recalls with gratitude how he serves God with a clear conscience
- Paul serves God as his forefathers served, the true and living God
- Likewise, Timothy's faith was genuine like his grandmother's & mother's

I. Stir Up the Gift of God in You (1:6)

- "Therefore": Paul's exhortation grounded on Timothy's genuine faith
- "Stir up the gift of God" similar words found in 1 Tim 4:14
- Stir up: lit. fan into flame, re-ignite, the fire needed to be rekindled
- The gift Paul speaks of here, is given by & sustained by the Holy Spirit

"which is in you through the laying on of my hands"

- Ordination or bestowal of gift through prophecy & laying on of hands
1 Tim 1:18; 4:14; *Acts 8:17, 18; *19:6 ; Hebrews 6:2

II. A Spirit of Power, Love and a Sound Mind (1:7)

- Paul says – in light of God's gift, God has not given us a spirit of fear
1 Cor 15:57,58; 1 John 4:17-19; Heb 9:15 – our standing before God
- God made us new creations in which His Spirit dwells, he gives us
 - 1) **Power:** '*dunamis*' (1 Cor 2:4,5; 2 Cor 3:4,5)
 - 2) **Love:** that conquers contempt & opposition by forgiveness/ no revenge
 - 3) **Sound mind (disciplined):** (v.13) measured, orderly life- wisdom