

III. PRAY (II Timothy 1:3)

A. Pray with **thanksgiving** (v 3a).

“2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;

3 meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains,

4 that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.”

Colossians 4:2-4

B. Pray without **ceasing** (v 3b).

“18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,

20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.”

Ephesians 6:18-20

IV. PURPLE FOLDER (II Timothy 1:6)

DISCOVER YOUR UNIQUE SHAPE

Spiritual Gifts – What am I gifted to do? (I Peter 4:10-11)

Heart – What do I love to do? (Revelation 17:17)

Abilities – What are my natural talents and skills? (Exodus 3:13)

Personality – Where does my temperament best suit me? (Job 10:8)

Experience – What are my life experiences? (II Corinthians 1:3-4)

BE FEARLESS AND STIR UP THE GIFT

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II Timothy 1:7

FEARLESS~II TIMOTHY SERIES

Stir Up The Gift

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INTRODUCTION

- A.** Fear is a stronghold that will hold you back from reaching your full potential. A fearless life is a limitless life! It is God's will that you live a fearless life.

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II Timothy 1:7

- B.** This series is based on II Timothy. It is Paul's final book and it is written from his prison cell in Rome. The apostle Paul wrote this book to “Timid Timothy” to help him overcome his fear. In this series you will learn how to be fearless in specific ways.

TODAY	Stir Up The Gift
May 21	Don't Be Ashamed
May 28	Be Strong
Jun 4	Depart From Iniquity
Jun 11	Know Perilous Times Will Come
Jun 18	Preach The Word
Jun 25	Fulfill The Ministry

The goal of this series will be to turn your fear into fuel!

- C.** **TEXT:** II Timothy 1:1-6 (Pew Bible/Pg.1167/New Test.)

HOW TO STIR UP THE GIFT

I. PRACTICE

"Do not neglect the gift that is in you, ... " I Timothy 4:14a

- A. One of the core values of our church family is Every Member A **Minister**.

"4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." Romans 12:4-5

- Every member is a **minister** in Christ's body (v 4a).
- Every member has a **different** function (v 4b).
- Every member's ministry is **important** (v 5a).
- Every member **belongs** to the others (v 5b).

- B. Our goal is to see **every** member of our church minister with their spiritual gifts as good stewards for the glory of God.

"10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."

I Peter 4:10-11

- The **reality** of spiritual gifts is that every Christian has them (4:10a).
- The **reason** for spiritual gifts is ministry (4:10b).
- The **requirement** for spiritual gifts is good stewardship (4:10c).
- The **result** of spiritual gifts is the glory of God (4:11).

II. PARTNER (II Timothy 1:1-2,4-5)

- A. Spiritual leaders are to provide training in the **church** (vs 1-2).

"1 Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek.

2 He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium.

3 Paul wanted to have him go on with him. And he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they all knew that his father was Greek."

Acts 16:1-3

"11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,"

Ephesians 4:11-12

- B. Parents and grandparents need to provide training in the **home** (vs 4-5).

"14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,

15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

II Timothy 3:14-15

"One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts" Psalm 145:4