

2 Timothy 1:7

(2Ti 1:7) God has not given us a spirit of **fear**, but of **power** and of **love** and of a **sound mind**.

Know what Spirit we are of - Balance 3 attributes (Lk 9:55)

#1 - Never Fear (motivation **Rom 2:4**)

Fear of the Lord (delight Is 11:3)

Terror of the Lord (lost/rebellious 2Cor 5:11, Heb 10:31)

Discipline of the Lord (love Heb 12:6)

Paul to Timothy from Roman Prison

young man (1Ti 4:12), beloved son (2Ti 1:1), Pastor of Ephesians (1Ti 1:3)

What Fear in Timothy is Paul addressing? Two Fears we must each face

(2Ti 1:9) who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

ALL believers have prepared Calling (**Eph 2:8-10**) - secular?

Grace not Works means we don't Perform, we Partner

(**Ro 8:15**) For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." (contrast covenants)

(2Ti 1:11-12) ¹¹to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

¹²For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

Knowing his Calling - Confident in Father's Love (Partnership)

circumstances? Performers evaluate Outcome, Partners evaluate Obedience

Timothy had to overcome Fear of Failure to fulfill his Calling (Performance)

(2Ti 1:6) Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

(1Ti 4:12-14) ¹²Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. ¹³Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. ¹⁴Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

doesn't matter if you're "good enough" - Called to His prepared work (my start)

I want a church full of people with a Philippians 3:13-14 mentality!

Timothy had to overcome Fear of Man to fulfill his Calling (Rejection/Persecution)

(2Ti 1:8) 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,

devil will try to keep you from your Calling with Fear - Spirit of Love

(1Jn 4:17-18) ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

Revelation/Imitation of His Love - care less about Failure, Rejection/Persecution