

## 2 Timothy 1:7 – Power

Review: **ALL** believers have a Holy Calling

Spirit of **Power, Love, Sound Mind** (need all 3 working together) – 1 Cor 12, 13, 14

1 Corinthians 12 – Gifts of **Power** (Rom 12, Eph 4)

(1Cor 12:7) But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

**All** believers Manifest His Spirit

(Eph 4:7) But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Purpose of His Gifts is to build up His Body (1 Cor 12:12-27)

(Eph 4:16) from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

(1Cor 12:11) But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

His Spirit decides Gifting (complement Calling Eph 2:10)

Diverse Gifts, Ministries, Activities (1 Cor 12:4-6), Functions (Rom 12:4)

lists aren't exhaustive (1 Cor 12:8-10, 28-30, Rom 12:6-8, Eph 4:11)

OT - singers & musicians (Levites), "gifted artisans" (Ex 28:3, 31:6, 35:10, 36:1)

Diversity within individual gift

(Ro 12:3-5) <sup>3</sup>For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. <sup>4</sup>For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

Don't Exalt your Gift (1 Cor 4:7) - for Service, not our Identity, not competition (2 Cor 10:12)

(1Co 12:31) But earnestly desire the best gifts.

Do Strongly Desire His Gifts (1 Cor 14:1) - to build up church

Ignorance (1 Cor 12:1), Neglect (1 Tim 4:14), Passivity (2 Tim 1:6)

Gifts must be "stirred up" (practiced) because they don't come fully mature

We must Believe we are **Powerful** (1 Cor 4:20, 2 Tim 3:5) - especially Corporately

Allure of Victim Identity (world) - Excuse to not have to Overcome

Sheep for Slaughter (Rom 8:36), More than Conquerors (Rom 8:37)

Paul accepted being Victimized, but not a Victim Identity

Power to Overcome tied to Confidence in His Love (Rom 8:38-39)

Overcoming (Fruit) demonstrates His Power/Kingdom

(Eph 3:20) Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,