

2 Timothy 1:1-14 Spirit Empowered Ministry

To carry out Paul's formidable list of ministry requirements Timothy must rely on the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit. Under the severe persecution of Emperor Nero's regime he will have to overcome both internal and external obstacles. It is only by total dependence on the Spirit's power that any ministry effort can be successful.

In this first chapter of his last communication to Timothy and the church Paul charges Timothy with five commands. Timothy is to:

I. **"...fan into flame the gift of God..."** v.6

The Holy Spirit does not give us fear, but works in us:

- _____
- _____
- _____

v.7

II. **"...not be ashamed..."** v.8a

- of the _____
- or of _____

III. **"...share in suffering..."** v.8b

- for the gospel
- by the _____ of God (The Holy Spirit)

The seven "liturgical" (Gospel) passages in the pastoral letters:
1 Timothy 1:15; 2:5-6; 3:16; 2 Timothy 1:9-12; 2:8-13; Titus 2:11-14; 3:3-7

Verses 9-12 form a parenthesis in chapter 1 as Paul rehearses the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The glorious gift of the gospel unwrapped: vv. 9-10

- Our salvation is by the _____ of God. (The Holy Spirit) (8c)
- Our salvation is unto a _____ calling. (9a)
- Our salvation is not because of our _____ (9b)
- Our salvation is because of God's _____ & _____. (9c)
- Our salvation is a _____. (9d)
- Our salvation is in _____. (9e)
- Our salvation is (was) before the _____. (9f)
- Our salvation is manifested because our Savior Jesus Christ _____. (10a)
- Our salvation is because Jesus abolished _____ & brought _____. (10b)

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It was for the gospel Paul was appointed:

a _____ & _____ & _____ . (11)

This is why he is suffering.....but Paul is not _____
because he is trusting Christ to guard what Paul has entrusted to Him (LSB). (12)

*I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced
that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day. LSB*

IV. ***"Follow the pattern of sound words..."*** v.13

- The words are _____(hygienic, healthy) words. (13a)
- The words are apostolic _____ . (13b)
- The words are the _____of Jesus Christ. (13c)

V. ***"...guard the good deposit..."*** v.14

- The "good deposit" is the _____entrusted to Timothy. (14c)
- The power to guard dwells in _____. (14b)
- The power to guard is the _____ _____. (14a)

Some Practical Principles

1. Regardless of the social, political or religious environment, we are to fearlessly pursue our Biblical mandates in the power of the Holy Spirit.
2. Apart from the empowering of the Holy Spirit we are helpless to do God's work God's way.
3. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the heart of our message and is to be proclaimed within the whole council of God or sound doctrine in the power of the Holy Spirit. (2 Timothy 3:16)
4. Our sanctification is in (through) the truth (John 17:17), and empowered by the Holy Spirit.
5. We are to proclaim and guard the Word of God and trust that God will guard what we have placed into His trust...and do it by the power of the Holy Spirit "...who dwells in us." (1:14)

O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, turning aside from godless and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called knowledge— which some, while professing, have gone astray from the faith.

Grace be with you.

1 Timothy 6:20-21 LSB