

New Life



A living gift

2 Timothy 1

Vs 1-2

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Vs 3-4

I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy

Vs 5

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Acts 16:1

He came to Derbe and then to Lystra,
where a disciple named Timothy lived,
whose mother was a Jewess and a
believer, but whose father was a Greek.

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1 Thessalonians 3:5

For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter might have tempted you and our efforts might have been useless.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Vs 6

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

Stand secure in your salvation
and fan your gift

Gift of God:
The call of God

God has given you salvation
and He has given you a call

John 15:16a

You did not choose me, but I chose you
and appointed you to go and bear fruit--
fruit that will last.

Vs 8-9a

So do not be ashamed to testify about
our Lord, or ashamed of me His
prisoner. But join with me in suffering
for the gospel, by the power of God,
who has saved us and called us to a
holy life...

Calling

- Testify about our Lord
- Share the gospel
- Lead a holy life

Medical personnel, truck driver, farmer,
stay at home mom, educator, student,
construction worker, business owner,
pastor, mechanic, correction officer,
engineer, salesperson, technician, boss
or an employee, Wal-Mart or
McDonalds, or one of the several
thousand careers/jobs available

Our calling inside of one of those callings is to:

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- Share the gospel
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Perhaps the greatest hindrance to living and growing our gift is fear

- Testify about our Lord
- Share the gospel
- Lead a holy life

I am afraid of:

- where it will take me
- how I will have to change
- what I will have to do
- how much it will cost me
- how much sacrifice I will have to make
- what others will say
- who may oppose me

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Power to accomplish difficult tasks

Power to meet challenges with guts

Power to make the sacrifice

Power to make the change

Power to go where it takes you

Power to stand in the storm

Power to kick in the gates of hell

Power to conqueror the enemy

Power to complete the mission

Power to share the gospel

Power to bring life to the situation

Power to live a holy life

- Love that endures even in the presences of the most cantankerous individual
- Love that will prevail when all your buttons are pushed
- Love that will overcome hate, meanness, cruelty, vindictiveness
- Love that will melt your heart
- Love that will allow you to see the needs of mankind

Self-discipline refers to a “wise head”

Wisdom to see and move

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