

# WEEKLY ENCOURAGEMENT

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## EXPRESSIONS OF ENCOURAGEMENT THAT FUEL ENTHUSIASM

### PART TWO

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:2-6

#### I. INTRO

- There's power in having someone pray for you. Having people in your life who are willing to pray for your encouragement can be a game-changer in your life and ministry.

#### II. PAUL'S 4 EXPRESSIONS OF ENCOURAGEMENT (*Continued*)

##### C. DEVOTION: PAUL LEARNED OF TIMOTHY | Verse 5

- Paul was blessed by Timothy's realness and his "unfeigned faith"—real, genuine, sincere, non-hypocritical.
- Paul commended Timothy's devotion; he was persuaded by what he had observed that he had real faith.
- Most people don't believe in themselves nor think others believe in them.
- **Persuaded**—I am certain; I stand convinced. There was absolutely no doubt in his mind about the reality of Timothy's faith.
- Paul began his letter to Timothy referring to him as his "true son in the faith."
- However, after observing his life, he came to the place, according to **1 Tim. 6:11**, he changed his approach.

##### D. PASSION: PAUL LABORED OVER TIMOTHY | Verse 6

- **"Stir up the gift that is within you"**—he is referring to a fire that is capable of dying out through neglect.
- **1 Timothy 4:14a, "Do not neglect the gift that is in you..."**
- Timothy did not need any new spiritual ingredient in his life; all he had to do was **"stir up."**
- **"I remind you to fan into flame."** That means to set your gift(s) ablaze.
- Based on **2 Tim. 3:14**, the command does not imply that Timothy had let his spiritual flame go out. It is an appeal for a continual, vigorous use of his spiritual gift.
- Rekindling his spiritual gifts would involve fervent prayer (devotional life), obedience to God's Word and demonstration of an active faith by Timothy.

#### III. TRUTH WE NEED TO KNOW

- **John 14:16, "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever..."**
- He desires to *fill* us, *empower* us, and *use* us if we *do not* neglect our spiritual life (gifts).
- **Ephesians 4:30, "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."**
- **1 Thessalonians 5:19, "Do not quench the Spirit."**