



**FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT**  
grace to timothy







## 2 Timothy 1:1-14

“**1** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, **2** To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. **3** I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors,

<sup>4</sup> As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. <sup>6</sup> 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,

<sup>7</sup> for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.  
<sup>8</sup> Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

<sup>10</sup> and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, <sup>11</sup> for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, <sup>12</sup> which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed,



and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. <sup>13</sup> Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.”



“But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no-one may boast before him.”

1 Corinthians 1:27-29



Take Full Advantage of Your Most Powerful Weakness

# LEADING WITH A LIMP



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“God loves reluctant leaders and, even better, he loves reluctant leaders who know they are frightened, confused and broken.”



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**“ ...guard the good deposit entrusted to you.”**

- **Feed the Flame**
- **Share the suffering**
- **Grip the power.**



## 1) Feed the Flame

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, vs 6



## THE DEFINITION OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

What? An enablement to meet the needs of people...

How? ...given by the Holy Spirit on the basis of God's free grace...

Why? ...in such a way that people are brought more under the Lordship of Christ with the result that the Body of Christ is built up in quality and quantity.





## Romans 12

“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.....

If a man's (woman's) gift is prophesying, let him (her) use it in proportion to his (her) faith.

If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach;

if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously;

if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.



Spiritual gifts are all the ministry powers of Jesus Christ divided up and distributed to members of his Body. Spiritual gifts are powers of expressing, celebrating, displaying, and communicating Christ through the power of Christ. Through us, Christ continues to minister to the world.-- mosaic is a glorious picture. But it is made up of tiny pieces of colored glass. Each one is pretty, but meaningless in isolation. So, all Christians together, show the world Jesus Christ in all the glory of his mediatorial ministry.”

Spiritual Gifts and Ministry, Redeemer Church,



## 2) Share the Suffering

“Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but **share in suffering** for the gospel by the power of God,...”

VS 8



“There are some who still find the cross a stumbling block, and others consider it foolishness, but I am more convinced than ever before that it is the power of God unto social and individual salvation. So like the Apostle Paul I can now humbly yet proudly say, “I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.”<sup>4</sup> The suffering and agonizing moments through which I have passed over the last few years have also drawn me closer to God. More than ever before I am convinced of the reality of a personal God.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. *Christian Century* 77 (27 April 1960)





### **3) Grip the Power**

By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you. Vs 14



**“... which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Vs 12**



**“ At my first defence, no-one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. 17 But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion’s mouth. 18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”**

**2 Tim 4:16-18**



## Isaiah 42

1 ¶ "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; ....3 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out. ....

This is what God the LORD says—he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. ..

9 See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you."





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