

## 2 Timothy 1:6-14

Fearless and on Fire

*A trustworthy foundation ...*

### I. Fiery Charismatics

- A. Indwelt, Gifted & Ordained
- B. Empowered & Controlled
- C. Fearless & Shameless

### II. The Gospel of Grace

- A. The Saving Power of God
- B. Manifest in Jesus
- C. Transforming Lives

### III. Guardians of The Gospel

- A. Worth Suffering For
- B. Preserved by God
- C. Entrusted to Saints

*... for Kingdom work.*

### **Children, Listen ...**

1. Should we ever be ashamed or afraid to say we believe in Jesus?
  
2. Paul suffered a lot from those who hated the Gospel that he preached. What gave him courage to stay strong?
  
3. God has given all of His people gifts they can use to serve him. Your Sunday school teacher has the gift of teaching. Can you think of gifts some other people that you know have?

As you grow in the Lord you will see more clearly what gifts God has given you. Pray that God will give you strength and courage you to use them for his glory.

## Faith Aflame

Timothy was endowed with gifts by God and was ordained to be a minister of the Gospel. But the fiends timidity, fear and discouragement always lurked near, tempting him to find safety in a status quo faith. Paul won't have any of that for himself or for his "child" in the Lord. He doesn't want Timothy to just let the gifts he has rest like smoldering coals under a blanket of gray ash because of the sometimes-overwhelming tasks they faced. The young man must make sure that he is not only keeping those coals hot, but he must also fan them into flames of passionate service. The motivation behind such fiery zeal is the Gospel Timothy is responsible to teach, preach and guard – it is nothing less than the saving message that Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality for all who believe. Men called to proclaim that glorious truth simply cannot let the call they have cool to the point of ineffectiveness for any reason, but they must keep it lively so that the heat and light of the Word would do its work in the lives of others. We may not be called to do what Timothy, or for that matter Paul, was called to do, but each one of us in Christ have been give gifts from God to use in service to Him. We are called to be witnesses testifying to the glory of the Gospel in some form or another to serve Him in some capacity. Let's make sure we're not simply letting the gifts God has given us secretly smolder under the surface, maybe warming our own hearts, but doing little to provide the heat and light of the Word for others. May we hear from our master in the day of accounting ... *'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'* Matthew 25:21