- **B.** What are you to do for your Pastor?
  - Follow your Pastor.

"7 Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. 17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you." Hebrews 13:7,17

• Pray for your Pastor.

"ITherefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men,

2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence." I Timothy 2:1-2

• Respect your Pastor.

"12 And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,

13 and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves." I Thessalonians 5:12-13

#### **BE FEARLESS AND DON'T BE ASHAMED!**

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II Timothy 1:7

#### FEARLESS~II TIMOTHY SERIES

Don't Be Ashamed

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

**A.** Fear is a stronghold that will hold you back from reaching your full potential. A fearless life is a limitless life! It is God's will that you live a fearless life.

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

II Timothy 1:7

**B.** This series is based on II Timothy. It is Paul's final book and it is written from his prison cell in Rome. The apostle Paul wrote this book to "Timid Timothy" to help him overcome his fear. In this series you will learn how to be fearless in specific ways.

Stir Up The Gift
Don't Be Ashamed
Be Strong
Depart From Iniquity
Know Perilous Times Will Come
Preach The Word
Fulfill The Ministry

The goal of this series will be to turn your fear into fuel!

C. TEXT: II Timothy 1:8-18 (Pew Bible/Pg.1167/New Test.)

#### **HOW TO NOT BE ASHAMED**

Three times in this short passage Paul speaks about not being ashamed:

- Paul encourages Timothy not to be ashamed (1:8).
- Paul states that he was not ashamed (1:12).
- Paul reports that Onesiphorus was not ashamed (1:16).

# I. PREACH THE GOSPEL (1:8c-11)

**A.** What is the Gospel? (v 8)

"I Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,

3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,"

I Corinthians 1:1, 3-4

Gospel means "Good News" which includes:

- Jesus died for our sins.
- Jesus was buried.
- Jesus rose again.
- **B.** What happens when you preach the Gospel? (vs 8c, 9-11)
  - You will suffer (v 8c).

"Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution." II Timothy 3:12

• People will be saved (vs 9-11).

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."

Romans 1:16

## **II.** HOLD THE BIBLE (1:12-14)

**A.** God is holding on to you (v 12).

"27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

30 I and My Father are one." John 10:27-30

**B.** You need to hold on to God's Word (vs 13-14).

"But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4

"But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine:" Titus 2:1

# III. SUPPORT THE PASTOR (1:8b, 15-18)

**A.** What is your Pastor to do for you?

"28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves." Acts 20:28-30

- Lead you.
- Feed you.
- Protect you.