



Spiritual Renewal

*2 Timothy 1:1-11
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Our Need for Spiritual Renewal & Refreshment

“If you’ve been doing ministry for any significant amount of time, no doubt at one time or another **you’ve felt a lack of joy or a lack of passion for ministry**. You may not even know why it is gone, but you realize one thing: **the excitement you had when you were first starting out is gone.**”

Psalm 19:7-8

⁷ **The law of the LORD is perfect**, converting **reviving/restoring/refreshing/renewing**) the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple (**the teachable**); ⁸ The statutes of the LORD are right, **rejoicing the heart** (**bringing joy to the heart**); The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

2 Timothy 1:1-3

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,
according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus, ²

To Timothy, **a beloved son**: Grace, mercy, *and* peace
from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as *my*
forefathers *did*, as without ceasing I remember you in my
prayers night and day,

2 Timothy 1:4-6

greatly desiring to see you, **being mindful of your tears**,
that I may be filled with joy, ⁵ when I call to
remembrance **the genuine faith that is in you**, which
dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother
Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also. ⁶ Therefore
I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you
through the laying on of my hands.

2 Timothy 1:6 (NKJV) Therefore I remind you to **stir up the gift of God** which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

2 Timothy 1:6 (NASB95) For this reason I remind you to **kindle afresh the gift of God** which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

2 Timothy 1:6 (ESV) 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.

2 Timothy 1:6 (HCSB) Therefore, I remind you to **keep ablaze the gift of God** that is in you through the laying on of my hands.

*But how do we recapture the excitement and joy that
once characterized our faith?*

Can our affections be refreshed? Is it even possible?

*Spiritual Renewal Keeps Us From Being
Ashamed Of The Gospel*

A. Spiritual Renewal Takes Place As We FAN Into A FLAME God's Gift To Us.

- 2 Timothy 1:6–7 Therefore I remind you to **stir up the gift of God which is in you** through the laying on of my hands.
- 1 Corinthians 12:11 But one and the **same Spirit** works all these things, **distributing to each one individually as He wills.**

Romans 12:6

Having then gifts differing **according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them**: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith.

1 Thessalonians 5:19

Do not quench the Spirit.

B. Spiritual Renewal Takes Place When We Humbly Depend On The Spirit Of God Dwelling In Us.

- 2 Timothy 1:7 For **God has not given us a spirit of fear**, but of **power** and of **love** and of a **sound mind**.
- Ephesians 3:16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be **strengthened with might through His Spirit** in the inner man.

2 Timothy 1:7

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Romans 5:5

Now hope does not disappoint, because **the love of God** has been poured out in our hearts **by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.**

Biblical Illustration:

- Hebrews 6:1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, **let us go on to perfection,**
- Hebrews 6:3 And this we will do **if God permits.**

C. Spiritual Renewal Takes Place When We Embrace Suffering For The Gospel As A Good Gift From God.

- 2 Timothy 1:8 Therefore **do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord**, nor of me His prisoner, but **share with me in the sufferings for the gospel** according to the power of God:
- Psalm 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; **The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple**

Philippians 1:27–28

Only let your **conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ**, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, **that you stand fast in one spirit**, with one mind **striving together for the faith of the gospel**,²⁸ and **not in any way terrified** by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God.

Philippians 1:29

For **to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ**, not only to believe in Him, but also **to suffer for His sake.**

Matthew 5:11

“Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

D. Spiritual Renewal Takes Place When We Remember Our Calling.

- 2 Timothy 1:9–11 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but **according to His own purpose and grace** which was **given to us in Christ Jesus** before time began,¹⁰ but has **now been revealed** by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who **has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel**,¹¹ to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.



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