

A Spirit Of Power

I. 2 Timothy 1:6-9

- **Verse 6 - talks about the PROVISION that God makes.**
- Verse 7 - talks about the POWER that we need.
- **Verse 8 - talks about the PROBLEMS that we face.**
- Verse 9 - talks about the PURPOSE that God has for us.

"God makes provision to give us power to overcome the problems that keep us from His purpose."

A. Verse 9 - "We've been called with a Holy Calling." God has a purpose for our lives.

1. Ephesians 2:10 - Colossians 1:28

2. God's provision, Power, and Person is wrapped up in His purpose.

- a. **What we try and get from worship we can only get in mission. (real worship comes out of mission)**
- b. What we try and get from Sunday services we can only get in daily living. (If our daily lives aren't an impact either will our Sunday services)

B. Verse 8 - **"Do not be ashamed ... but join with me in suffering for the Gospel."**

- Ashamed = A feeling of fear that prevents one from doing something.

1. **If you pursue the Gospel you will suffer - Matt. 12:11.**

2. Its our fear of suffering that keeps us from the purpose of God for our lives.

3. **The sufferings come at us from three sources:**

- a. The Devil
- b. The World**
- c. The Flesh

4. **The suffering for the gospel is volunteer - you have to join up - you have to accept the fact that its part of the total package.**

C. Verse 7 - "God has not given us a spirit of Timidity."

1. **The first thing we have to do is acknowledge that we have a "spirit of timidity" and then to rid ourselves**
2. God didn't give it - but we have received it in order to protect ourselves.
 - a. **The greek word literally means cowardice, it means fear of exposing ourselves to danger, it means a state where you no longer take risks.**
 - b. *"Hesitating to take action, get involved or assert oneself out of fear apprehensiveness, or lack of self-confidence."*
3. **We can see this fear in giftings, in relationships, in praying, in witnessing, in hospitality, in finances, and in ministry opportunities.**
4. When we first got saved we took risks and made tremendous impact in people's lives - but we didn't have much to protect back then.
5. **Barnabas and Paul were known as "men who risked their lives for the Gospel."**
Acts 15:26
6. You can't pursue God's purpose and protect your lives at the same time - we've got to daily be willing to risk it all.

D. God does have a Spirit that He wants to pour out on us. It's one Spirit comprised of three elements designed to overcome the three problems that stand before us and God's purpose.

1. SPIRIT OF POWER - Luke 10:19 (NASB) "Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you.
 - a. **It's this Spirit that gives us courage and will cause the devil to fear and to flee.**
 - b. Through this spirit we can do damage to the kingdom of darkness. Because this spirit can conquer sin, sickness, and the grave. It can pull down holds and overthrow spiritual wickedness in high places.
 - c. **This Spirit can make the devil afraid to make this church mad.**
2. SPIRIT OF LOVE - The world is a problem for us because we haven't enter into the Lord's love for the world.
 - a. **I was confronted this week with how little I really**

b. I was confronted with how much my service to God is

c. Only God can give us a love that demands that we lay our lives down.

3. SPIRIT OF DISCIPLINE - Only God's spirit can discipline this flesh ours to the point that we know longer do what we want to do, but through this Spirit we do what we have to do in order to enter into God's purpose.

E. Verse 6 - But in order to get the power to overcome these problems so that we may enter into God's purpose for our lives then we need God's provision.

1. For those of you that don't have it, it's yours for the asking. Luke 11:13 (NASB) "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall [your] heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

2. Those of you that do have it you need to rekindle it, fan it into flame.

a. Rekindle the power

b. Rekindle the love

c. Rekindle the discipline