

## IMMUNITY FROM ETERNAL DEATH AND A WORD FOR THE AGES

**2 Timothy 1:5-10****1 Timothy 4:12-16**

<sup>5</sup>For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that *it is* in you as well. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. <sup>7</sup>For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with *me* in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, <sup>9</sup>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 granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity, <sup>10</sup>but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. **2 Timothy 1-5 NASB**

- A legacy of faith (see **v6**) Timothy's grandmother and his mother had modeled walking with God for him.
- Men: this should challenge us!
- Paul tells Timothy to 'kindle afresh' the gift that God imparted to him...
- This is an encouragement...Paul verifies the gift Timothy has...
- This is an exhortation...Paul says kindle afresh that gift.
- "Keep your gift burning in full flame." – **v6, N.T. Transline**
- Keep it burning because God has not given us a spirit of fear (cowardice or timidity), but of power, love, and discipline, or a sound mind. (If God isn't giving fear...who is?)
  - The use of 'fear' here means a 'fear to act'...a lack of moral courage...
- Don't be ashamed of the testimony of the Gospel.

<sup>9</sup> [For it is He] Who delivered *and* saved us and called us with a calling in itself holy *and* leading to holiness [to a life of consecration, a vocation of holiness]; [He did it] not because of anything of merit that we have done, but because of *and* to further His own purpose and grace (unmerited favor) which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began [eternal ages ago].

<sup>10</sup> [It is that purpose and grace] which He now has made known *and* has fully disclosed *and* made real [to us] through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who annulled death *and* made it of no effect and brought life and immortality (immunity from eternal death) to light through the Gospel.

- Endure the hardship associated with the spreading of the good news (the Gospel). According to the power of God...WOW!

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- He annulled death...He brought life and immortality to light.
- He provides immunity from eternal death! (No booster shot required!)

<sup>12</sup>Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but *rather* in speech, conduct, love, faith *and* purity, show yourself an example of those who believe. <sup>13</sup>Until I come, give attention to the *public* reading of *Scripture*, to exhortation and teaching. <sup>14</sup>Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery. <sup>15</sup>Take pains with these things; be *absorbed* in them, so that your progress will be evident to all. <sup>16</sup>Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you. **1 Timothy 4:12-16**

- Live in such a way that no one 'looks down' on you, disregards you, or treats you with contempt because of your age.
- Timothy is about 30 when Paul wrote this...
- Rather, use your speech, your conduct, your love, your faith, and purity to be an example of what a believer is like...
- Talk it...walk it...live it...be an example, a pattern for the kingdom.
  - Speech – <sup>25</sup>Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE *of you* WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>BE ANGRY, AND yet DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not give the devil an opportunity. <sup>28</sup>He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have *something* to share with one who has need. <sup>29</sup>Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such *a word* as is good for edification according to the need *of the moment*, so that it will give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. **Ephesians 4:25-31 NASB**
  - Conduct - Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God in the day of visitation. - **1 Peter 2:12 NASB**  
And keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame. **1 Peter 3:16 NASB**

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- Love - <sup>12</sup> "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. **John 15:12-13 NASB**
- Faith – (faithfulness) <sup>1</sup>Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. <sup>2</sup>In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy. **I Corinthians 4:1-2 NASB**
- Purity - <sup>23</sup>Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass. **I Thessalonians 5:23-24 NASB**
- Don't neglect the spiritual gift within you...which came to you with prophetic input and the laying on of hands by the presbytery...

For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established. **Romans 1:11 NASB**

<sup>18</sup>This command I entrust to you, Timothy, *my son*, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you fight the good fight, <sup>19</sup>keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith. <sup>20</sup>Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan, so that they will be taught not to blaspheme. **I Timothy 1:18-20 NASB**

- Prophetic input gives you 'fresh weapons' to do 'battle' with.
- Prophetic input and impartation.
- Prophetic input helps you 'keep the faith' and a clear conscience.
- It helps you avoid 'shipwreck'...
- Paul tells Timothy to be absorbed in the things he lists in **v12-14**...to think about, meditate, and 'practice' these things.
  - It is the same language used when someone is exhorted to do target practice with a bow and arrows.
  - Developing a healthy habit of being with the Lord and being in His word so that we hit the target consistently and don't often 'miss the mark'.
  - Realizing that we have immunity from eternal death is a good start. To being 'absorbed'!