



“Raking is easy, but all you get is leaves; digging is hard, but you might find diamonds.”

- John Piper

Recap:

(1:1-5) Paul writes t(w)o Timothy: *Giving what's been given*

- Do you have intentional spiritually edifying relationships?

2 Timothy 1:6-14: Do not be ashamed of the gospel

- Jesus has power over death
- Life and immortality is found in Jesus
- God gave us His grace before the beginning of time

*“What grace is mine that He who dwells in endless light
Called through the night to find my distant soul
And from His scars poured mercy that would plead for me
That I might live and in His name be known”*

Paul was not ashamed because he trusted in the character and plan of God. (v12)

The degree to which you are unashamed is directly linked to how well you know and cherish God and the gospel.

Pause the recording and answer the following:

1. Note the link words in verses 6-8:
2. Why is Timothy to fan into flame the gift of God (v6)?

Summary sentence, verses 6-8:

“Because Timothy has sincere faith he is to share in suffering as he uses his gifts to make Jesus known enabled by God’s powerful Spirit at work in him.” (See 1 Timothy 4:13-14 for more details on Timothy’s gifts)

We don’t share the gospel because we lack power, love and self-control. The Holy Spirit helps us to overcome this.

Questions to answer to ensure you are a ‘doer’ of the word:

- **How are you using your gifts to make Jesus known enabled by God’s powerful Spirit?**
- **Prayerfully consider where you need God’s help most in making Jesus known:**
 - **Lack of power?**
 - **Lack of love?**
 - **Lack of self-control?**