Using Our Strengths

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Main text – 2 Timothy 1:5-7

I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. 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.

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

Gifts of the Spirit

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.

(1 Corinthians 12:4 - NIV)

- Word of Wisdom
- Word of Knowledge
- Faith
- Gifts of Healing
- Working of Miracles

- Prophecy
- Discerning of
- Spirits
- Tongues
- Interpretation of Tongues

Gifts of the Spirit

Romans 12:6-8

- Prophecy
- Service
- Teaching
- Exhortation

- Giving
- Leading
- Showing Mercy

Psalms 139:14 (NIV)

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to <u>serve others</u>, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV)

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Using Your Strengths

- To serve others
- To build the body of Christ
- To grow to be Christ-like

2 Timothy 1:5-6 (NIV)

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Be Committed to Christ.

"...your sincere faith..."

2 Timothy 1:6 (NIV)

For this reason I remind you to <u>fan into</u> <u>flame</u> the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

Greek: "anazopureo"

Be Passionate for Christ.

"...fan into flame..."

"Keep the fire going"

"Keep that ablaze"

"Rekindle"

1 Timothy 4:14 (NIV)

Do not <u>neglect</u> your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

2 Timothy 1:7

For the Spirit God gave us <u>does not</u> make us timid, but gives us <u>power</u>, love and self-discipline.

Be Bold in Christ.

"...power, love, self-discipline..."

Be Committed to Christ.

- Discover the joy of doing His will

Be Passionate for Christ.

- Find, develop, use your strengths

Be Bold in Christ.

Trust and know that He is able