

2 TIMOTHY 1:6-7

6/16/24

- Today – is the Day of Pentecost, 2024
- Today – Opportunity to give a Bible study
- Title – 2 Timothy 1:6-7

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- Reminder of the conclusion of my Bible study yesterday
A poem – “There Must Be Some Mistake”

I was shocked, confused, bewildered – as I entered the Kingdom’s door.
Not by the beauty of it all – nor the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in the Kingdom – who made me sputter and gasp –
the thieves, the liars, the sinners – the alcoholics, the trash.

There stood the kid from 7th grade – who swiped my lunch-money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor – who never said anything nice.

Herb, who I always thought – was awaiting the fire of hell
Was sitting pretty on a throne – looking incredibly well.

I nudge Jesus, “What is the deal? – I would love to hear Your take.
How did all these sinners get here? – God must have made a mistake.

“And why is everyone so quiet? – Would you please give me a clue?”
Jesus replied: “They are all in shock” – “No one ever thought, they would see you.”

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- Now, let’s go to 2 Timothy 1:6-7

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| 2 Tim. 1:6 | I remind to stir up the gift of God which is in you – through the laying on of my hands |
| 7 | for God has not given us a spirit of fear – but of power, of love and of a sound mind |

Moffatt – God has not given us a timid spirit – but a spirit of power, love and discipline
New Contemporary English – God’s Spirit doesn’t make cowards out of us; the Spirit gives us
power, love and self-control

Amplified NT – God did not give us a spirit of timidity – of cowardice, of craven and cringing
and fawning fear – but (He has given us a spirit) of power, love and of calm and
well-balanced mind, and discipline and self-control

· Spirit of Power

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| Acts 8:13 | Simon was baptized |
| 18-19 | when Simon saw the power – “give me this power also” |
| Rom. 8:11 | if the Spirit of God dwells in you = God will give life to your mortal body |
| 2 Cor. 4:7 | treasure in earthen vessels |
| 8 | troubled on every side – not distressed |
| | perplexed – not in despair |
| 9 | persecuted – not forsaken |
| | cast down – not destroyed |

· Spirit of Love

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| 1 Cor. 13:1-2 | tongues, prophecy, understanding (without love) = “I am nothing” |
| 3 | helping people OR body burned (without love) = “it profits me nothing” |
| Luke 23:34 | Christ – “forgive them, for they do not know what they do” |

· Spirit of Sound Mind – Spirit of Discipline – Spirit of Self-Control

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| 1 Cor. 2:11 | the spirit of the man – the Spirit of God |
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The Lens Principle – Who we are determines how we see others. Our perception of others depends more upon our attitude, than it does upon their characteristics. If we are positive, we see them as positive.

The Pain Principle – Hurting-people tend to hurt other people. Our negative experiences and our emotional baggage color our perception of others’ actions. Normal interaction can cause us pain, even when another person did nothing to inflict pain.

“Boundaries” by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend – 1992

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| Deut. 17:18-19 | when the king sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book – he shall read it all the days of his life |
| Acts 17:11 | people of Berea – searched the Scriptures daily |
| 1 Cor. 9:19-22 | reaching people – where they are |
| | · to the Jews, I became a Jew |
| | · to those under the law, I became as one under the law |
| | · to those who are without law, I became as one without law |
| | · to the weak, I became as weak |
| 22 | “I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some” |
| 23 | I do this for the gospel’s sake, that I may be partaker of it with you |