POWER, LOVE AND SOUND MIND 6/1/19

 * Opportunity -- to give a Bible study a week before Pentecost
 * Purpose -- to discuss the subject "Power, Love and Sound Mind" (taken from 2 Timothy 1:7)

2 Tim. 1:7 God has not given us the spirit of fear -- but of power, of love and of a sound mind
Moffatt Translation -- God has not given us a timid spirit, but a spirit of power and love and discipline
New American Standard -- God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline
Revised Standard -- God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power and love and self-control
New Contemporary English -- God's Spirit doesn't make cowards out of us; the Spirit gives us power, love and self-control

* SPIRIT OF POWER

Matt. 27:51 52-53 54	the veil of the temple was torn in two the graves were opened "truly, this was the Son of God"
Matt. 28:5-6	the tomb was empty
Acts 2:1-13	pouring of Spirit dramatic fashion
14-36	Peter's presentation because God raised Him
	from dead power to Jewish converts
Acts 10:34-43	Peter's presentation because God raised Him
	from dead power to Gentile converts
44-48	pouring of Spirit dramatic fashion
2 Cor. 4:7	we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the
excellency of the power may be of God, not of us	
8	troubled on every side not distressed
	perplexed not in despair
9	persecuted not forsaken
	cast down not destroyed

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* SPIRIT OF LOVE

Mark	3:6	Jesus was angered by unrighteous behavior		
Luke	9:54-56	Jesus corrected James and John because of	of	
their approach				
John	13:34	"as I have loved you"		

sign of disciples 35 a love that is mature Matt. 5:43-48 * Believers are subject to a natural progression 1 Cor. 13:11-12 maturing process 13 target -- faith, hope & love Challenges 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 interactions can cause us pain, even when another person did nothing to inflict pain. SPIRIT OF A SOUND MIND (DISCIPLINE & SELF-CONTROL) Rom. 7:14 the law is spiritual -- we are carnal 15 we don't do some of the good things we want to do -- and we do some of the bad things that we don't want to do *Believers should apply a beneficial Two-Prong approach -- Inside and Outside Matt. 12:34 inside focus -- out of the abundance of the heart -- the tongue is a reflection of our heart example of an outside action -- doing tassels Num. 15:38-40 1 Tim. 6:11 outside actions -- flee and pursue James 4:7 outside action -- resist the devil, and he will flee from you * * Final reminder -- Faith, Hope & Love Harry Truman (the 33rd president of the United States) once said:

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Fear	Faith, Hope & Love
Weakens	Strengthen
Imprisons	Liberate

Paralyzes Disheartens Sickens Empower Encourage Heal