

LETTERS TO TIMOTHY PART 7
“FEAR, LOVE, AND FORGETFULNESS”
SCRIPTURE: 2 TIM; 1 COR 13; EPH 3
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INTRODUCTION

- 1 Timothy - Leadership and Theological issues; resist fear: don't quit; remember your calling!
- 2 Timothy 4:2, "...² Preach the word of God. Be prepared...Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching."
- What would it look like to be prepared...always?

I. NO FEAR

- 2 Timothy 1:2-5, "...Timothy, my dear son...I remember your genuine faith...continues strong..."
- Timothy - You are called, you are gifted, and you are placed with a purpose for a purpose.
- 2 Timothy 1:6-7, "This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. ⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline."
- Look back, He's always been enough.
- Vs. 6 - Filling of the Spirit is Key.
- Vs. 7 - No Fear; love over fear!!
- It is impossible to live this life in a loving way without experiencing the deep lasting presence of the Spirit.

II. THE ISSUE OF LOVE

- 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline."

- Because of His presence in us, love is the thing that should rule you, and that love will produce the strength and discipline to live well.
- Living a loving life requires two things:
 - Knowing the everlasting enduring grace of our Heavenly Father. (How much He really loves us)
 - Prioritizing others ahead of ourselves.
- Living lovingly only happens when we recognize that our Heavenly Father is our source, our safety and our provider.

III. BE HOLY

- The maturity of any community, family (or organization) will be limited by those that lead it.
- Maturity is measured by us following and becoming more loving, more like Jesus.
- 2 Timothy 1:8-9, "...With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News. ⁹ For God saved us and called us to live a holy life..."
- In this life there will be suffering, even when you do the right thing, even when you live holy.
- But we know the Spirit in us produces love and that love will always produce deep strength.
- 2 Timothy 1:13-14, "...¹⁴ Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you."
- Being prepared has and always will require us to live in step with the Spirit.

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- Ephesians 3:20-21, "Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think..."