



PRESSING FORWARD FEARLESSLY – 2 TIMOTHY 1:6-7

It takes great _____ to live for the Lord. This present evil world system is so corrupt and so opposed to the things of God, it takes much more than just mere determination and resolve to stand up for truth and _____. Depending on human will alone to live righteously inevitably leads to stagnation, decline and failure. Our Creator understands this dilemma, so he gave us special spiritual gifts and abilities for our success and fruitfulness. However, these God-given talents must _____ be neglected, but rather remembered, practiced and performed.

1. Personal spiritual gifts – 2 Timothy 1:6

a. Personal spiritual God-given gifts

- Apostolic gifts that are no longer in operation – 1 Cor. 12:4-11, 28, 29-31; 13:8; Eph. 2:19-20
- Some gifts are in operation today – Ro. 12:5-8

b. Unbeknownst or undiscovered gifts

- If you have trouble identifying your gifts, keep busy participating and serving the Lord in our local church in any and every way possible and it will become clear.

2. Common spiritual abilities – 2 Timothy 1:7

a. Fearlessness – Pr. 28:1

- We do not have to let fear rule in any situation – Mt. 10:28-31; 1 Jo. 4:16-19
- When you lack courage – Eph. 6:18-20
Pray and request _____ for boldness
- We do not have to fear anything that keeps us from serving the Lord, doing the work of the Lord, or trusting God
- The only thing a believer really needs to fear is _____ – Pr. 1:7; 8:13; 9:10; 14:26-27; 19:23; Mt. 10:28; Ecc. 12:13; Ps. 25:14; 33:8; 34:9; 86:11; 111:10; Lk. 1:50

b. Power – Acts 4:13

- This is spiritual power – Zech. 4:6
Not carnal, physical, religious, or political power

- We have power...
 - To overcome _____ – Ro. 6-7
 - To experience answered prayer – 1 Jo. 3:22
 - To witness – 2 Ti. 2-4
 - To rebuke and reprove sin and sinners – Titus 1:13; Eph. 5:11-13
 - To endure afflictions and suffering – 2 Cor. 7:4-7
 - To overcome the _____ – 1 Jo. 5:1-4

c. Love – Ro. 12:9

- Because we have this spirit, we can...
 - Love God – Deut. 6:5; Lk. 10:27; 1 Jo. 4:19
 - Love the word(s) of God – Ps. 119; John 14:23-24
 - Love other believers – Mt. 22:39; Jo. 13:34-35; 1 Cor. 13:1-13; 1 Jo. 4:7; 5:1; 1 Peter 1:22; 4:7
 - Love our _____ – Mt. 5:43; Ro. 12:14, 20
 - Love lost and unsaved people – Ps. 126:5-6; Eph. 2:1-5
 - Love heavenly things – Col. 3:1-3

- Love is the most permanent and powerful force in the universe – 1 Cor. 13:13; 1 Jo. 4:16

d. Sound mind – 1 Cor. 1:18

- A sound mind defined – Ps. 119:80; Pr. 2:7; 8:14; Lk. 8:35; 15:17; Acts 26:25

- Because we have been gifted with a sound mind, we can...
 - Discern between good and evil – Heb. 5:12-14
 - Know the difference between truth and error – 1 John 4:1-6
 - Be kept in perfect peace – Is. 26:3
 - Understand the scriptures – 1 Cor. 2:16
 - Avoid being arrogant or puffed up – 1 Cor. 8:1
 - Escape the affliction of insanity that all lost men have – Ecc. 9:3