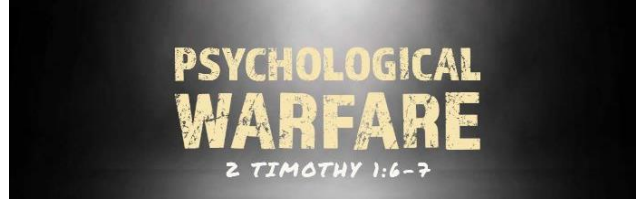


Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
Current Book: 2 Timothy – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: 2 Timothy 1:6-7 – God hath not given us the spirit of fear!

Today's Message:

“Psychological Warfare”



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we introduced the book of 2 Timothy and learned about the importance of last words. Before Paul was executed by Nero, he wrote these final words to his beloved friend and disciple. Today, we will learn of Paul's first priority – to stir up Timothy to stand for Christ during satanic psychological operations. We are in a **MIND** war! You may not realize it, but military warfare includes an element of intense psychological attack using deception and mis-**INFORMATION**. And that is what the Bible says Satan uses on all human beings; his temptations are proof of that! Pay close attention today...

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text 2 Timothy 1:6-7

#1. *The Wake Up* – Paul charged Timothy to **STIR** up the gift of God in him.

STIR UP THE GIFT OF GOD

- ✓ The Bible says that God **STIRS** people up. *Isa 10:26; 13:17; 42:13*
- ✓ The Bible should **STIR** you up. *Job 17:8; 2 Pet 1:13; 3:1; Rom 13:11; 1Cor 15:34*

NOTE God has given you a spiritual gift – it is time to get on with it for His glory!

#2. *The Warfare* – the devil uses psychological operations against your **MIND**.

MILITARY WARFARE

1. **First generation warfare (1GW)** – Man-to-man combat with opposing soldiers in array
2. **Second generation warfare (2GW)** – Direct gun fire, machine guns, and indirect fire
3. **Third generation warfare (3GW)** – Technology derived tactics; armored units, and planes
4. **Fourth generation warfare (4GW)** – Blends war and politics; guerilla and private players
5. **Fifth generation warfare (5GW)** – Social engineering, misinformation, Artificial Intelligence

NOTE Fifth generation has been called, “A war of information and perception.”

THE SPIRIT OF FEAR

- ✓ **SPIRIT** – It is a “spirit of fear” – spiritual (“5GW”) warfare – *2Cor 10:4-5; 2Kings 17-19*
- ✓ **FEAR** – **W1828**: A painful emotion or passion excited by an expectation of evil, or the apprehension of impending danger. Fear is accompanied with a desire to avoid the expected evil.

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Fear is real.

We *all* face situations where we feel afraid or lack courage.

The **first step** in dealing with fears is to understand that fears that undermine your trust in God are **NOT** *from* God.

It is a big step to say, "**This is not God making me feel this way; God has not given me the spirit of fear.**"

In scripture, **the fear of God** is a holy awe or reverence of God and His laws, which springs from a just view and real love of the divine character, leading the subjects of it to hate and shun every thing that can offend such a holy being, and inclining them to aim at perfect obedience.

- ✓ Lost people are in bondage to the **FEAR** of death. **Heb 2:15**
- ✓ Paul was not afraid to **DIE**. **Acts 20:24; 21:13**
- ✓ For ye have **NOT RECEIVED** the spirit of bondage again to fear – **Rom 8:15; 1Jo 4:18**
- ✓ The KJV Bible records the phrase "FEAR NOT" in 63 verses – **Gen 15:1** (1st mention)
- ✓ Jesus Christ said, "Fear not" to Zacharias (**Lk 1:13**), Mary (**Lk 1:30**), Joseph (**Mt 1:20**), the shepherds (**Lk 2:10**), Peter (**Lk 5:10**), the disciples (**Mt 10:28**), the women after the resurrection (**Mt 28:5**), Paul (**Acts 27:24**), and John on Patmos (**Rev 1:17**).
- ✓ Jesus told the disciples, "Let not your heart be troubled" – **John 14:1, 27; Ps 34:4**

NOTE Satan uses psychological (spiritual) warfare to vex your mind to cause you to NOT trust the word of God and instead be captive in bondage and fear!

#3. The Weapons – our weapons are **not** carnal, but **MIGHTY** through God.

THE SPIRIT OF POWER

- ✓ **SPIRITUAL** power – the Holy Spirit is our power source. **Zech 4:6; Pr 28:1; Acts 4:13**
- ✓ You have God's power IN YOU to:
 - To overcome **SIN** and temptations. **Rom 6-7** ... To pray and get answers. **1Jo3:22**
 - To be a **bold** witness. **2Tim 4:2-4** ... To speak *against* sin. **Titus 1:3; Eph 5:11-13**
 - To *endure* affliction/suffering. **2Cor 7:4-7** ... To *overcome* the world. **1Jo 5:1-5**

THE SPIRIT OF LOVE

- ✓ **SPIRITUAL** love – the Holy Spirit gives us the *fruit* of His love. **Gal 5:22-23**
- ✓ You have God's love IN YOU to:
 - Love God with **ALL** your heart, mind, soul, and strength... **Deut 6:5; Mk 12:28-30**
 - Love *the brethren* who do you right and wrong... **Jn 13:34; Rom 12:10; 1Jo 4:12**
 - Love *lost souls* who despise and hurt you... **Mt 5:11-12; Mk 16:15; Lk 15:7, 10**

THE SPIRIT OF A SOUND MIND

- ✓ **SPIRITUAL** mind – the Holy Spirit of a *sound mind* lives in you. **Rom 8:9; 1Cor 2:16**
- ✓ God has given you a *sound mind* to:
 - Be in your **RIGHT** mind, sober, obeying Jesus Christ! **Lk 8:35; 15:17; Acts 26:25**
 - Keep your mind *stayed on God* in perfect peace. **Isa 26:3; Php 4:7; 2Ths 2:2**
 - Try *the spirits* and prove all things true or false. **1Ths 5:21; 1John 4:1**

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