

CALLED & ANOINTED

Key Text: 2 Timothy 1:5–9

I. Passion & Gifting

Text: 2 Timothy 1:6–7

A. Fan the Flame of the Gift

- God has given every believer a powerful spiritual gift.
- That gift must be stirred, fanned, and activated.
- Passionless is not an option for those anointed by God.
- Example: Jesus' generation was unmoved (Matthew 11:16–17), but we are not like them.

B. Biblical Examples of Passion

- Jeremiah 20:9 – His word was a fire in my bones.
- Isaiah 59:17 – The cloak of divine passion as part of God's armor.

C. Keep the Fire Burning

- Old Testament temple – the fire had to be maintained.
- Ephesians 5:18–20 – Stay full of the Spirit.
- Example: Chocolate milk – the gift must be stirred or it settles.

D. Embrace the Spirit God Gave

- Not fear or timidity, but Power, Love, and Self-discipline:
 1. Power – Dunamis for miracles.
 - Moses & Gideon – When they embraced the call, God moved.
 2. Love – Not just toward others, but a love for God’s call and house.
 - John 2:17 – “Passion for God’s house will consume me.”
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 3. Self-discipline – Passion drives consistency. No one will need to “prime” you.

II. Saved & Called

Text: 2 Timothy 1:8–9

A. Never Be Ashamed

- Example: Spreading Bibles out at a coffee shop – bold, unashamed faith.

B. The Call Is Holy

- NLT: Called to a holy life.
- Other translations: Called with a holy calling – it’s the call that is holy.

C. Everyone Is Called

- No such thing as “saved but not called.”
- No one is called to idleness or the sidelines.

D. Eternal Perspective

- 1 Peter 2:11 – We are temporary residents.
- D.L. Moody quote: Succeeding at things that don’t matter is a tragedy.
- Ask yourself:
 - Are my dreams God’s dreams?
 - Am I living with eternity in mind?

III. Called for More

Text: Acts 17:4–6

A. You Were Made to Make a Difference

- Paul & Silas in Thessalonica stirred up cities and regions.
- Acts 17:6 – “These men who turned the world upside down...”

B. The Anointing is Disruptive

- You weren't called to blend in – you were called to disrupt darkness.
- Example: Global missions outreach – God called you to go big.

C. Calling is Not Optional

- 1 Corinthians 9:16 – “Woe is me if I do not preach the gospel.”
- Provision flows with obedience to the call.

D. Evidence of the Call

- Provision, passion, and power follow obedience:
 - Cameras and crusades paid for.
 - God funds His plan, not just our own.

IV. Uniquely Gifted

Text: 1 Corinthians 3:6–8; Romans 12:6–11

A. Every Person Plays a Role

- 1 Corinthians 3:6 – One plants, one waters, God gives increase.
- You hold a vital piece of God's plan.

B. The Reward is in the Work

- The reward, fulfillment, and joy come from doing the work.

- Romans 12:6 – Use your gift well; don't serve halfway.

V. Attempt Great Things for God

Text: Isaiah 54:2–3

A. Think Big, Plan Bold

- Enlarge your tent – don't insult God with small thinking.
- Inspired by William Carey and Bishop Dag Heward-Mills.

B. Push Beyond Your Current Limits

- If you've preached in 10 nations, believe for 100.
- If you've reached 1 million souls, believe for 100 million.
- If you've built one church, believe for 100.

C. God Will Use You

- Daniel 11:32 – The people who know their God shall be strong and do exploits.
- Exploits = daring feats, bold undertakings, notable achievements for God.

D. You Could Be the Unsung Hero

- Example: One invite started a movement (Hillsong story).

Conclusion: Use It!

- Whatever your gift is: Use it often. Use it well. Use it in faith.
- Don't settle for casual Christianity.
- Confession:
"I am saved and called. I will pursue my calling and attempt great things for God."