

## The Second Epistle of Paul the Apostle to TIMOTHY

- Written: A.D. 67

- Theme: "Uphold the TRUTH" – Six times "TRUTH" is used in **2 Timothy – 2:15, 18, 25; 3:7-8; 4:4.**

- Key Verse: **2 Tim 3:16-17** - *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

### Chapter 1 – "NO FEAR – OUR CALL TO LEADERSHIP!"

#### D) THE POWER OF LEADERSHIP (NO FEAR!) (v1-7) (v1-2) THE LIFE OF LEADERSHIP IS:

(1) RADIANT - John 1:4-5 - *In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.*

(2) ABUNDANT - John 10:10 - *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

(3) CHRIST - John 14:6 - *I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

(4) ETERNAL - John 11:25-26 - *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (Remember our life is filled with GRACE, MERCY & PEACE!)*

(v3-4) LEADERSHIP AND PRAYER! Pray consistently for one another

(v5) LEADERSHIP AND FAMILY FAITH! – Timothy's grandmother and mother passing on the Christian faith.

(v6-7) LEADERSHIP and the GIFT OF GOD! The word *stir* means to "kindle" like a fire!

Don't be afraid, the word for *power* is the Greek word *dunamis*, which speaks of the "ability to do!" To do what? Anything God calls YOU to do!

**Some gifts to pray about: Eph 4:11-14** - *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;*

**Rom 12:6-8** - *Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.*

**1 Cor 12:4-11** - *There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.*

**All of the above must be lived out in the POWER of the Holy Spirit through LOVE and a SOUND MIND (self-controlled).**

#### II) THE PURPOSE OF LEADERSHIP (NO FEAR!) (v8-12)

(v8) Are you ashamed of the testimony of our LORD? Will we share in the sufferings of Christ for the gospel's sake? Matt 5:11-12 - *"Blessed are you when they revile and persecute*



*you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

(v9-11) God has saved us, called us with a holy calling, has a purpose for us, and given us eternal life! Remember it is all through HIS AMAZING GRACE!

(v12) Paul experienced the sufferings of Christ according to 2 Corinthians 11:22-28.

### III) THE PRACTICE OF LEADERSHIP (NO FEAR!) (v13-18)

(v13) The word PATTERN speaks of an architect's sketch, blueprints of "sound speech" filled with *faith and love*.

(v14) What is the practice of the HOLY SPIRIT within us? John 14:15-19, 26; 15:26; 16:8-14.

(v15) Not everyone will remain a Christian? Study the "Parable of the Sower" in Matthew 13:1-23.

(v16-18) Be a blessing like Onesiphorus and practice GOOD WORKS for one another!

**Conclusion: LET'S GO FOR GOD IN POWER, PURPOSE AND PRACTICE! NO FEAR!**