

"COURAGEOUS SERVICE"

II TIMOTHY 1:6-7

I. TIMOTHY IS CHALLENGED TO REMEMBER HOW GOD HAD SUPERNATURALLY ENABLED HIM FOR THE TASK HE WAS CURRENTLY IN (1:6)

- A. Paul Wanted Timothy To Keep His Gift Burning At A High Level (1:6a)
- B. Paul Recollects The Unusual Details Of Timothy's Ordination (1:6b)
 - 1. The Elders (Pastors) In Ephesus Had Convened An Ordination Council Which Included Laying Hands On Timothy
 - 2. The Spirit Of God Revealed To These Elders And The Apostle Paul Through Some Kind Of Prophetic Utterance, That Timothy Was In Possession Of A Very Special Gift
 - 3. Timothy's Specific Gift Was That Of Pastor / Teacher (Ephesians 4:11-16)
 - 4. The Issue Was One Of Spiritual Stewardship

II. THE SUCCESSFUL EXERCISE OF TIMOTHY'S GIFT WILL BE EVIDENCED BY THE ABSENCE AND / OR PRESENCE OF FOUR PREVAILING ATTITUDES (1:7)

- A. God Does Not Give His People An Attitude Of Cowardice (1:7a)
- B. God Does Provide His People With Certain Positive Attributes (1:7b)
 - Attribute #1 - God Gives Ministers A Realization Of Power
 - Attribute #2 - God Gives Ministers An Disposition Of Love
 - Attribute #3 - God Gives Ministers A Virtue Of Self Discipline