

Fan into Flame: Igniting a Legacy of Faith

SERMON SUMMARY

It is so important to fan into flame the gift of God within us! If we don't, we will have a flame that dies. Physical flames require attention to keep burning, and the spiritual flame of our lives must be nurtured through our *identity in Christ*. Paul and Timothy are a great example of this, as we see the significance of spiritual mentorship and the impact of our faith legacy on future generations. We as believers are challenged to remember our spiritual heritage, to reject a spirit of fear, and to embrace the power, love, and self-control given by the Holy Spirit.

KEY VERSES

2 Timothy 1:6 (NIV) -

"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands."

2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV) -

"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."

QUESTIONS

1. How does your identity in Christ influence the way you live your life?
2. Who has been a spiritual mentor to you, and how have they impacted your faith journey?
3. What are some ways we can honor the legacy of faith passed down to us by previous generations?
4. How can we actively "fan into flame" the gifts God has given us?
5. What fears do you need to surrender to God to fully embrace His spirit of power, love, and self-control?
6. How can we be a spiritual mentor to someone else, and what might that look like in practical terms?
7. In what areas of your life do you need to experience God's power, love, and self-discipline more deeply?
8. How can we encourage one another to live out our faith boldly in a world that is often fearful?

LIFE APPLICATION

This week, identify one spiritual gift or passion that you feel God has placed in your life. Commit to taking one tangible step to "fan into flame" this gift, whether it's through prayer, seeking mentorship, serving in a new ministry, or practicing it in your daily interactions.