

Questions for Consideration—With the Master Holding Fast to the Truth—Lesson 3—2 Timothy 1:6,7—Five Truths Which Must Be Remembered!

1. (a) Read 2 Timothy 1:6, 7. Why would Paul need to remind Timothy to stir up the gifts that were given to him by God? (b) What are some of the other reminders he passes on to him? (c) If you could pass on four truths to those you disciple, what would they be, and why

2. Memorize 2 Timothy 1:6, 7.

3. (a) Paul mentions to Timothy in 2 Timothy 1:7 that God has not given us a spirit of fear, but he has given us power, love and a sound mind. With that in mind, read Exodus chapters 3 and 4 and answer the following questions. (b) Who was fearful to obey what God asked of him? (c) What were the excuses he gave? (d) What counsel did God give Moses? (e) What principles do you glean from this story, especially regarding fear in serving the Lord?

4. (a) Instead of fear, God gives us power, love and a sound mind as we use our gifts. (b) With that in mind, read 1 Corinthians 13 and write down what happens when we don't use our gifts in love. (b) Why is it important that our spiritual gifts be exercised with the power of God according to 1 Corinthians 2:1-5? (c) Why is it necessary that we be of sound mind (or sober-minded) according to 1 Peter 4:7-11? (By the way this passage is dealing with the using of our spiritual gifts.)

5. (a) Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? If so, are you excelling and growing in using them or are you becoming stagnant in your service to God? (By the way, if you do not know what your gifts are, I would encourage you to find out and begin using them. God created you for good works for His glory!) (b) How can one overcome any fear they might have when using their gifts?

6. (a) Do you think it is sinful to not use your spiritual gifts? (Use Scripture to prove your answer) (b) How can we encourage other believers who are not using their gifts to begin using them?

7. How can you improve your service to God and others? In what ways should you be excelling in the spiritual gifts you possess? Please put your needs in the form of a prayer request.