

*Paul's Letter to
the Disciple*



II Timothy



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INTRODUCTION:

1. Christmas is a unique opportunity for evangelism.
2. Fear hinders evangelism more than any other single factor.
3. In our text for this morning, 2 Tim. 1:8-18, the word "ashamed" appears four times.
4. Four action steps to overcome fear in evangelism.



Appropriate

the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit (vss. 6-8)

1. Every Christian is indwelt by the Holy Spirit.
Does "spirit" (vs. 7) refer to the human spirit, or are we to take "spirit" as referring to the Holy Spirit?

“For this reason I remind you to keep alive the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. For the **Spirit** that God has given us does not make us timid; instead, his **Spirit** fills us with power, love, and self-control.”

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cowardice, timidity, reticence, fearfulness

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"God has reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. . . . And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

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Reaffirm

Your confidence in God’s ability to protect you.

1. "I know whom I have believed" (12).
2. "I am convinced He is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day" (12).
 - A. His soul, or his eternal destiny.
 - B. His physical circumstances/life/safety.
 - C. His ministry (cp. 1 Cor. 4:1-5).



MAKING IT PERSONAL

Would you pray with me the "Three-Open Prayer"?

1. Pray for **Open Doors** (Col. 4:3)
 - A. Spontaneous ones
 - B. Planned ones
2. Pray for **Open Mouths** (Eph. 6:19-20)
3. Pray for **Open Hearts** (Luke 24:45; Acts 16:13-15)