

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

Date: November 28, 2021

Title: "Do Not Be Ashamed"

Text: 2 Timothy 1:8-18

INTRODUCTION:

1. Christmas is a unique opportunity for _____.
2. _____ hinders evangelism more than any other single factor.
3. In 2 Tim. 1:8-18 ... " _____ " appears 4 times.
4. Four _____ to overcome fear in evangelism.

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

1. Every Christian is _____ by the Holy Spirit.
Translation of the TEV/GNB (Today's English Version/Good News Bible):
A. "The Spirit that God has given us does not make us timid."
B. "His Spirit fills us with power, love, and self-control."
2. We may _____ or _____ His operation in our lives.
3. _____ in evangelism reflects the fullness of the Spirit in our lives.

**_____ on the
beauty of the message & privilege of being its messenger (vss. 9-12a).**

1. The beauty of the Gospel message (vss. 9-10)
"We can't help speaking about what we have seen & heard" (Acts 4:19-20)
2. The privilege of being its messenger (vss. 11-12a)
"Ambassadors" (see 2 Corinthians 5:18, 19b-20).

your confidence in God's ability to protect you (11-12a).

1. "I know _____ I have believed."
He did not say, "I know what I believe." Christian, how big **IS** your God?
2. "I am convinced He's able to guard what I've entrusted to him."
What did the apostle Paul entrust to God's care (safe-keeping)?
 - A. His _____, or his eternal destiny.
 - B. His _____ circumstances/life/safety.
 - C. His _____ (cp. 1 Cor. 4:1-5).

your resolve by the example of others (vss. 8, 11-12, 15-18).

1. _____ example (vss. 8, 11-12)
2. Example of _____ (vss. 15-18)

MAKING IT PERSONAL

Christmas is a unique opportunity for evangelism! Would you pray with me the "Three-Open Prayer"? Would you be ready for God's answer?

1. Pray for Open _____ (Col. 4:3)
Opportunities to engage in spiritual discussions. There are two kinds!
 - A. _____.
 - B. _____: Deliberately working to create opportunities to share Christ by building relationships with others.
2. Pray for Open _____ (Eph. 6:19-20)
Boldness to speak up about Christ when the time comes.
3. Pray for Open _____ (Luke 24:45; Acts 16:13-15)
Spiritual enlightenment and responsiveness to the good news we share.

* The "Three-Open Prayer" comes from Ron Hutchcraft's book, *Called to Greatness: Becoming a Lifeline for Those Who Need Hope* (2001).