

# A Biblically Shaped Life: Burn Brightly

2 Timothy 2:1-7

## Some context ...

This is the Apostle's \_\_\_\_\_ letter. The aged Paul is languishing in a dark dungeon in Rome from which there is no escape but death. His labors as an apostle are over. He has finished his race.

The church is in a \_\_\_\_\_ era. Will it survive a post-apostolic age? Will the next generation preserve what they have been given at whatever cost? Will they in turn pass it on to other faithful followers?

The letter is obviously \_\_\_\_\_ ("To Timothy, my beloved child"). Timothy is being thrust into a position of leadership and responsibility that will require absolute dependence upon God.

But it is also \_\_\_\_\_. (Paul was very close to Timothy and had no need to make formal introductions.)

And its contents are \_\_\_\_\_, for although it was not written \_\_\_\_\_ us, its commands, warnings, and promises are \_\_\_\_\_ us as well.

## Paul, an Apostle of Christ Jesus ...

... on a par with the 12

... sent out – not by man nor his own will – but by the Lord Jesus Himself

... for this one great reason: The \_\_\_\_\_ of life for all who receive Jesus!

## Timothy, his 'child in the faith' ...

... \_\_\_\_\_ under Paul's ministry

... thought of, remembered, \_\_\_\_\_ for by the apostle

... possessor of a \_\_\_\_\_ faith

... from a \_\_\_\_\_

... \_\_\_\_\_ to serve

## "Fan into flame ..."

The charge given to Timothy, and the responsibility that it entails, far exceeded his \_\_\_\_\_.

He was relatively \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Tim. 4:12; 2 Tim. 2:22)

He prone to \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Tim 5:23)

He likely didn't have the \_\_\_\_\_ for it. (2 Timothy 1:4, 7; 2:1; 3:12; 4:5; 1 Cor. 16:10-11)

He had a godly \_\_\_\_\_, but he would need more.

He had \_\_\_\_\_ faith, but that would not be enough.

He would need the indwelling power of the \_\_\_\_\_ to do what God requires effectively and faithfully to the end.

## What Timothy has to do with me:

Biblical Christianity is in \_\_\_\_\_. In my family, community, and beyond, will I \_\_\_\_\_ the faith?

Will I give the priceless gift of \_\_\_\_\_?

Do I have the support of faithful \_\_\_\_\_ brothers and sisters? Do I give that support?

And will I be \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ with my Christian faith, effectively \_\_\_\_\_ it from my family, friends, classmates, co-workers and beyond, or ...

Will I \_\_\_\_\_ carefully the "fire" God has begun in me, \_\_\_\_\_ it and \_\_\_\_\_ it to display God to all those around me?

Will I \_\_\_\_\_ my gifts by \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ and then \_\_\_\_\_ those gifts \_\_\_\_\_ that God will accomplish something thru them?

Will I reject \_\_\_\_\_ put on me by myself and others and instead \_\_\_\_\_ on God to give me whatever I need to do whatever He wants with my life?

## A word to those who feel like they're losing their 'fire' ...