

"God Given"

Text: **2 Timothy 1:7**

Intro:

- Our verse tells us what God has not given us and what God has given us.
 - God has not given the child of God, "**the spirit of fear**"
- If God has not given us "the spirit of fear" then it must be Satan.
 - The Bible tells us in **1 John 4:18**, "**...fear hath torment...**"
 - Fear traps, grips a person.
 - Fear immobilizes a person.
- We see the outward manifestations of fear with folks who have anxiety and panic attacks, excessive worry, overwhelming sense of doom.
 - People afraid of going outside their home.
- Fear causes phobias.
 - A person who fears "confined spaces" has "**Claustrophobia**"
 - A person who fears "crowded public places" has "**Agoraphobia**"
 - A person who fears being "contaminated with dirt or germs" has "**Misophobia**"
 - A person who fears "heights" has "**Acrophobia**"
 - A person who fears "water" has "**Hydrophobia**"
 - A person who fears "flying" has "**Aviophobia**"
 - **SHOW LIST OF PHOBIAS**

- People spend millions of dollars each year on doctors and medication trying to rid themselves of their phobia.
- One thing we know is that none of this is from God.
- Because the Word of God tells us "**For God hath not given us the spirit of fear...**"
- This morning we want to see what God has given each saved, born again, child of God.

I. The Spirit of Power

- The spirit of power is not physical power but more importantly spiritual power.
 - **Zechariah 4:6** - "...Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts."
 - The believer possess an indwelling Holy Spirit.
 - The Holy Spirit is this spirit of power.
- **God has given us the power to overcome sin!**
 - **Romans 6:6-7** - "**6:6**: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. **6:7**: For he that is dead is freed from sin."
 - Because our flesh has been crucified with Christ we should no longer be serving sin.
 - **Romans 6:11-17** - "**6:11**: Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus

Christ our Lord. **6:12**: Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. **6:13**: Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. **6:14**: For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. **6:15**: What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. **6:16**: Know ye not, that **to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey**, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? **6:17**: But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed **from the heart** that form of doctrine which was delivered you."

- The point the Apostle Paul was trying to make is this.
- If an individual is saved, born again, he now possess power to overcome sin and no longer be a servant to sin or in bondage to sin.

□ **We have power to get prayers answered.**

- **1 John 3:2** - "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him..."

□ **We have power to witness**

- **Acts 1:8** - "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me..."

□ **We have power to preach**

- **1 Thess. 1:5** - "For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake."
- **1 Cor. 2:4-5** - "**2:4**: And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: **2:5**: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

□ **We have power to rebuke the sinner.**

- **Titus 1:13** - "This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;"

□ **We have power to endure affliction, suffering, and be comforted of God.**

- **2 Cor. 7:4-7** - "**7:4**: Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation
7:5: For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears. **7:6**: Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus; **7:7**: And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your

mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more."

□ **We have power to overcome the world.**

- **1 John 5:4-5** - "**5:4**: For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. **5:5**: Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

II. The Spirit of Love

□ **Because we have the Spirit of Love we can love God, even when He treats us like we think we don't deserve to be treated.**

- For example when we go through trials
- We don't understand why we are going through the trial because we thought that we were right with God.
- **Romans 8:28** - "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."
- The Word of God tells us that we go through trials to be conformed to the image of His Son.
- **Romans 8:29** - "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

□ **Because we have the Spirit of Love we can love God's Words.**

- **John 14:23** - "Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."
- **Because we have the Spirit of Love we can love God's people**
 - **1 John 5:1-2** - "**5:1**: Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. **5:2**: By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments."
 - **Because we have the Spirit of Love We can love God's even when they disagree with us.**
 - Example Paul falling out with Mark. - **See Acts 15:36-39.**
 - "**15:36**: And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do. **15:37**: And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark. **15:38**: But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work. **15:39**: And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from

the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus;"

- However, later on the Apostle Paul in a prison writing to Timothy says in **2 Timothy 4:11** - "...Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry."

□ **Because we have the Spirit of Love we can love God's people when they are hard to get along with.**

- **1 Cor. 11:18-19** - "11:18: For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it. 11:19: For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you."
- Obviously the church of Corinth did not possess the Spirit of Love because they would not have been acting this way toward each other.

□ **Because we have the Spirit of Love we can love lost souls**

- **Psalm 126:5-6** - "**126:5**: They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. **126:6**: He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."
- **"We can have compassion making difference"**
- Because we were once in the same condition
 - **"dead in trespasses and sins"**

- "walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air,"
 - "children of disobedience"
 - "we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh flesh and of the mind"
 - "the children of wrath"
- **Because we have the Spirit of Love we can love heavenly things.**
 - **Colossians 3:1-2** - "**3:1**: If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. **3:2**: Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

III. Sound Mind

→ Characteristics of this Sound Mind.

- A Sound mind knows what to take, what to leave, what to accept and what to reject.
- The Lord gave us a sound mind, a mind that can see through sham, hypocrisy, strut, show, falsehood, treachery and deceit.
- A mind that can find the truth in the source of all truth - "**Word of God**"
 - Jesus said in **John 17:17** - "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."
 - A mind that not only finds the truth but rightly divides it.

- **2 Timothy 2:15** - "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
- A sound mind can separate the genuine - God's Wisdom & God's Words - **1 Cor. 2:13** - "Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual."
 - From the plastic or phony - man's words
 - **Romans 16:17-18** - "**16:17**: Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.
16:18: For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple."
 - Natural from the Supernatural.
- A mind that is "sound" is stayed on God.
 - **Isa. 26:3** - "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."
- A mind that is sound is kept in peace.
 - **Phil. 4:7** - "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

- The reason it is kept in peace is because it is the "**mind of Christ**".
- As a saved, born again, child of God, you have been given the mind of Christ.
 - **1 Cor. 2:16** - "For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."
- A sound mind is a mind according to **2 Cor. 10:5** - "**bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;**"
- A Sound mind according to **Romans 12:2** - **is not conformed to this world but is transformed by the renewing of your mind.**"
- A sound mind is a mind that is not "**soon shaken**" according to **2 Thess 2:2**
- A sound mind is a mind that is not "**puffed up**" according to **1 Cor. 8:1**
- A sound mind is a mind that is not "**defiled**" according to **Titus 1:15**

Conclusion:

- God has given each saved, born again, child of God -
 - A spirit of power
 - A spirit of love
 - A sound mind - "**not fear**"
- Sad fact - Most Christians not using what God has given them.

- Only one the Christian should fear God.
- My dear friend are using the spirit of power and love and the sound mind that He given you for His honor and glory?
- **Plea to Unsaved**