

Abundant Life

Topic: Breaking Free from Mundane Religion!

Text: St. John 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. (The NIV says... have it to the full.)

INTRODUCTION:

Too many people are living their lives going through the same old routines stuck in the mundane and never experiencing the joy that is associated with abundant life! God is calling us to break away from the emptiness of religion and tradition and step into the exciting life of the Born again believer!

Today, we are going to look at a familiar passage and see what must be done to secure our place in the Abundant Life! (2 Timothy 1:1-7)

*Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ **by the will of God**, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,*

*2 To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: **Grace, mercy, and peace**, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.*

3 I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

4 Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

I. **MAKE A COMMITMENT TO SEEK AFTER GOD IN SINCERITY! (V.5)**

When I call to remembrance the unfeigned (sincere) faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

- When Faith is sincere it carries the potential to produce a generational effect!
- The sincere faith moved from generation to generation.
 1. Grandma (Lois)
 2. Mom (Eunice)
 3. Timothy
- Where are the men in this faith scenario? Where do they fit in this equation? They seem to be missing in action!
- God has a plan for families!
- Deu. 29:29

The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

- Acts 2:38 & 39

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

II. CONTINUALLY STIR UP THE GIFT THAT DWELLS WITHIN YOU! (V.6)

- We are to fan the Flame!

Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

- To really understand the Gifts of the Spirit and the work of God, we need to look at some Scriptures:
- 1 Cor. 12:4-7

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

⁶ And there are different ways that God works through people but the same God. (The New Century Version)

- The Work or Gifts of the Spirit are wrapped up in certain differences and certain connections:
 1. There are different gifts / same Holy Spirit! (V.4)

Now there are diversities of gifts (different kinds of gifts), but the same Spirit.

2. There are different kinds of service / same Lord, Jesus! (V.5)

And there are differences of administrations (different ways to serve), but the same Lord.

3. There are different operations or ways of getting results / same God! (V.6)

And there are diversities of operations (different ways that God works through people), but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

- The goal or plan behind our Spiritual Service is found in verse 7.
- It is all about the common good!

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. (the common good)

- So we stir up the gifts within for a reason!
- It is found in verse 7!

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear (timidity); but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

1. Power!
2. Love!
3. A Sound Mind!