

Reprogramming

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:7

2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV) For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Introduction

Many of us have been programmed to accept limits that came from parents, friends, employers, mates and others. They were not a part of His original design for us. Consequently, when we approach those limits which others have told us were ours, an unreasonable fear grips us and we become paralyzed.

I. What God has not given you

2 Timothy 1:7a (NKJV) For God has not given us a spirit of fear

A. Some fears

1. Fear of success
2. Fear of failure
3. Fear of being who you were designed to be
4. Fear of venturing in faith

B. Some faith

Romans 12:3 (NKJV) For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as **God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.**

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV) Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And **lean not on your own understanding**; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

II. God's threefold blessing for you

2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV) ... but of power and of love and of a sound mind (self discipline).

A. Love (Divine Acceptance)

1 John 4:18 (NKJV) **There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear**, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

Ephesians 1:6 (NKJV) to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which **He has made us accepted in the Beloved.**

1. Love gives freedom
2. Love gives acceptance

3. Love removes fear

B. Power (Divine enabling)

1411. **dunamis**, doo'-nam-is; from G1410; force (lit. or fig.); spec. miraculous power (usually by impl. a miracle itself):--ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

1 Timothy 1:12-14 (NKJV) And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord **who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, 13 although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man**; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. 14 And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

C. Sound mind / Self Discipline

Romans 4:3 (NKJV) For what does the Scripture say? "**Abraham believed God**, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."

1. To believe God and not man
2. Acknowledging doubt and asking God to remove it

Mark 9:24 (NKJV) Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

3. Acting out of faith and not fear

III. Standing in His blessing

Galatians 5:1 (NKJV) Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

Joel 2:13-14 (NKJV) So rend your heart, and not your garments; **Return to the LORD your God**, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm. 14 **Who knows if He will turn and relent, And leave a blessing behind Him**; A grain offering and a drink offering For the LORD your God?

A. Moses' example

Deuteronomy 34:7 (NKJV) Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished.

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1. Three periods of Moses life
 - a. 40 years as Pharoah's grandson
 - b. 40 years as a shepherd
 - c. 40 years within God's design
 2. Leading to victory through surrender

Exodus 17:9-13 (NKJV) And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand." 10 So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11 ***And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. 12 But Moses' hands became heavy;*** so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. 13 So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.
- B. Stop mourning the past
 - C. Delight in finishing strong in His design

Conclusion

No life is wasted if it is finished with the Lord holding you by the hand.