



TODAY'S INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Hearts on Fire

Fueling Our Zeal With Courage

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Our Definition of Zeal:

Zeal is “having a burning desire to please God which leads us to action - to love and serve others with _____, diligence, and wisdom.”

Today we are going to talk about how we can display more courage for the Lord. Too often we can allow the fears that we face and the things people do to discourage us to keep us from doing what is right. When we allow this to happen, our zeal can diminish and our “fire” can burn out. There are three things that we need to keep in mind if we are going to be courageous for the Lord and if we are going to grow in our zeal:

I. Remember Where _____ Comes From

- A. See 2 Timothy 1:6-7
- B. Fear does not come from God. He is not the source.
- C. If we have fear within us, our fire needs to be “stirred up” or “kindled afresh.” We need to use the gifts God has given us to serve.

II. Remember _____ of Courage and Trust.

- A. Paul's example of faith (2 Timothy 1:11-13)
 1. Paul was appointed to do a mission by Jesus, so he resolved to trust in the Lord and to be faithful no matter what the consequences may be physically.
 2. He trusted that the Lord would take care of him.
- B. Paul's example: Jesus
- C. Consider on your own some other examples in 2 Timothy 1:15-18:
 1. Phygelus and Hermogenes
 2. Onesiphorus

III. Remember _____ with us!

- A. 2 Timothy 1:14 - The Holy Spirit lives/dwells in us.
 1. Fear and discouragement can lead us to _____ that God is with us.
- B. Joshua & Israel (Joshua 1:5, 9)
- C. Christians (Matthew 28:18-20; Hebrews 13:5)
 1. Who is able to harm those who are zealous for doing good (1 Peter 3:13)

THINKING THROUGH TODAY'S LESSON:

- Are you living courageously for the Lord?
- Are there things that you are allowing to cause you to fear?
 - A desire to please men and to have them like us?
 - A love for the things of the world that we don't want to lose: our lives, our possessions?
 - A lack of trust in God's promises?
- Are you allowing fears and discouragement to lead you to be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ?

MY NOTES: