

# 2 Timothy 1:7-8

## *Fear and Shame*

### 1. 1:7 - The Spirit of Fear

- a. When it is right to fear - Rom 3:18, 13:7, Gal 4:11. 2 Cor 7:1, 7:11, 11:3, 12:20
- b. Fear in the flesh - 2 Cor 7:5, 1 Cor 2:3, Heb 2:15 - fear as a result of sin
- c. The weak flesh makes the law a bondage of fear - Rom 8:3, 8:15, Gal 4:9
- d. The law brings the knowledge of sin - Rom 3:20
- e. The motivation of the law: greed and fear - blessing (greed, carrot), wrong (curse, stick)
  - i. Commanded to walk in fear of God - Deu 10:12, Ps 111:10, 119:120, Heb 12:28
- f. Not being under the law we are free from the bondage of fear from sin, flesh, law.

### 2. 1:7 - Power, Love, and Sound Mind

- a. What moves us is different. Paul is trying to stir Timothy up, but not by fear.
- b. Power - instead of weakness, is found in the message - Rom 1:16, 1 Cor 1:18, 2:4
  - i. Be strong in the power of his might - Eph 6:10, Col 1:9-11
- c. Love - instead of condemnation, judgment, flesh motivation - 2 Cor 5:14, Rom 5:8
  - i. Love is the root and the fruit - 1 Cor 13:6, Eph 3:17-19
- d. Sound mind - instead of weak and beggarly laws and chains - 1 Tim 1:3
  - i. The doctrine is sound - 1 Tim 1:3, Titus 2:1, 2 Tim 1:13, 2:1
- e. What moves us is no longer fear, but grace = the love of Christ - Gal 2:20, Eph 3:12, 4:32
  - i. Our strength is the grace of God - 1 Cor 15:55-57, 2 Cor 12:9-10

### 3. 1:8 - Be Not Ashamed

- a. We learn from the KJB, opposite of fear is boldness - Phi 1:14, 1:20
- b. Boldness is an attribute of an elder (Tim was one) - 1 Tim 3:13, 1 Th 2:2
- c. Paul prays for boldness as he ought to speak - Eph 6:19-20
  - i. The bold fool is loud, angry, rash, mad, ignorant, stupid
  - ii. The bold wise knows truth, power of God, love, hope.
- d. Another kind of fear: fearing others in the flesh - Gal 2:12, 1:10
  - i. Fearing men causes us to compromise, revert, remain silent.
- e. “*be not ashamed*” - Shame shows up 4x - 2 Tim 1:8, 12, 16, 2:15
  - i. Timothy knew the testimony of the Lord and knew Paul’s gospel.
  - ii. Timothy was facing teachers of law, and could not boast in his flesh - 1 Tim 1:7
- f. “partaker of the afflictions” - There is trouble that does not need to happen (flesh, sin)
  - i. There is trouble that happens by taking a bold stand for truth over popularity
  - ii. Paul is ensuring that as Timothy moves forward what motivates him is right.