

Finding Your Greatness

2 Timothy 1:1-7 (NKJV)

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, a beloved son: Grace, mercy, *and* peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.**3** I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as *my* forefathers *did*, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, **4** greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy, **5** when I call to remembrance the **GENUINE FAITH** that is in **YOU**, which **DWELT FIRST** in your **GRANDMOTHER** Lois and your **MOTHER** Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also. **6** Therefore I remind you to **STIR UP the GIFT of GOD** which is in you through the laying on of my hands. **7** For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

“The truth is, greatness is for us all. It’s not in one special place or one special person, it’s wherever somebody tries to find it.”

-Greatness Isn’t Born, It’s Made

Jim Collins who wrote Good to Great said, Greatness is not a function of circumstance. Greatness is largely a matter of conscious choice.

Zig Ziglar: “You were designed for accomplishment, engineered for success, and endowed with good seeds of greatness.”

1. Start with the Spiritual to Transform the Natural

The word “gift” here means charisma or divine deposit, the grace releasing extraordinary power of God.

Stir up means to kindle, it means to set on fire, it means to get fired up about the things of God.

2. God’s Way is the Best Way.

2 Timothy 2:1-5 (NKJV)

1 You then my son be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. **3** You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. **4** No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of *this* life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. **5** And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

Joshua 1:8 (NKJV)

8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

3. Live with Confidence in God

2 Timothy 2:19 (NKJV)

Nevertheless, the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His,"