

Fan into Flame

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[2 Tim 1:1-9a](#)

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, 2 To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 3 I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. 6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. 8 So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, 9 who has saved us and called us to a holy life...

1. WE MUST HUNGER FOR THE FIRE OF GOD

[John 14:16-18](#)

16 I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

[Matt 5:6](#)

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

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2. WE MUST STIR UP THE FIRE OF GOD WITHIN US

[Luke 24:49](#)

I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

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3. WE MUST USE THE FIRE OF GOD FOR HIS PURPOSES

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OBSTACLES TO THE FIRE OF GOD:

- 1) SIN (Heb 12:1 "Let us throw off the sin that so easily entangles us.")
- 2) BUSYNESS (Psa 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God.")
- 3) COMPLACENCY (Phil 2:3 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.")