

# “Finish Strong: Breaking Bad Attitudes”

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## [2 Tim 1:1-14](#)

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 — not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. 12 That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day. 13 What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you — guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

## I. JUST SAY NO TO FEAR

v. 7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (fear), but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

### [1 John 4:18](#)

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear...

Note: FEAR IS NOT FROM GOD.

But Power, Love and Self-Discipline are.

## 2. JUST SAY NO TO SHAME

v. 12 ... I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

v. 8-9 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, who has saved us and called us to a holy life — not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.

Note: SHAME IS NOT FROM GOD.

## 3. JUST SAY NO TO REGRETS

v. 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.

### [Phil 3:12-14](#)

12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Note: REGRET IS NOT FROM GOD.

## CONCLUSION:

So, how do we overcome these Bad Attitudes, and finish faithful?

Paul is trying to tell us:

v. 6 I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you.

Paul is saying that, you fight Fear, Shame and Regret with FIRE.

### [Col 1:27](#)

Christ in you, the hope of glory.