

REKINDLING A SPIRITUAL FIRE

2 Timothy 1:5 - 9

TO REVIVE

- To revive:
 - To bring back to life or consciousness; resuscitate
 - To bring new health, strength, or spirit to;
 - To energize; to quicken
 - To restore to usefulness, vigor, or interest

TO REKINDLE THE GIFT OF GOD

- At one time there was a spiritual fire, 1:6
 - NIV: “fan into flame the gift of God”
 - KJV: “stir up the gift of God”
 - NAS: “kindle afresh the gift of God”
 - NET: “rekindle the gift of God”

REKINDLE THE “GIFT OF GOD”

1. **Salvation.** Ephesians 2:8-9
 - **Holy Spirit.** Acts 2:38
2. **Spiritual gifts:** 1 Cor 12:4-11; v 12:11; 1 Peter 4:10
3. **Revived interest in Spiritual opportunities.**
 - Stir the fire; add fuel, wood.

TIMOTHY HAD TO “STIR UP THE COALS”

1. He reminded Timothy of **significant people and events:**
 - A. **Family** – 1:5
 - B. **Those who ordained him.**
 1. Paul, 1:6
 2. Deacons, 1 Timothy 4:14

TIMOTHY HAD TO “STIR UP THE COALS”

2. God-gifts are treasures that must be guarded, built-up, kept ready for use:
 - God will guard you, Timothy. 1:12
 - You must guard the treasure in you. 1:14

CHARACTERISTICS OF PHYSICAL VERSE SPIRITUAL FOOD

- Physical vs Spiritual food:
 1. Physical: I eat till full; then, I want no more.
 2. Spiritual: I “feed” on God. The more I feed, the more I want.
 3. Physical: The less I eat, the more I want
 4. Spiritual: The less I eat, the less I want.

THE HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS THE FUEL THAT IGNITES THE FIRE

1. **Open the Word and walk by the Spirit.**
 - Philippians 2:12-13, 1 Peter 2:2, Deut 8:3
 - Galatians 5:16-19
2. **Practice prayer and fasting.** Matt 4:4f
3. **Use spiritual gifts to grow the kingdom.** John 15:4-6

REKINDLING THE FIRE AT BETHANY CHURCH

1. **Fasting and prayer** - India Trip (2/1 - 2/15):
 - A. One or more people, everyday.
 - B. Sign up.
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REKINDLING THE FIRE AT BETHANY CHURCH

2. 30 by 30 plan.

- A. Bible study, prayer;
- B. Asking Spirit for more of Jesus in my life
- C. Asking Spirit for daily opportunity to speak/minister for Jesus.