

## Stir Yourself Up!

2 Timothy 1:1-7

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, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 3 I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day; 4 Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy; 5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also. 6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou **stir up** the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. 7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Jude 1:20-21

But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, 21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

James 3:8

But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

Proverbs 4:13

Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go:  
keep her; for she is thy life.

Hebrews 12:3-6

For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, **lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.** 4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. 5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

**God is never carnal. As carnal and at the end of the rope that we can be, He will not meet us there.**

Matthew 5:3 (MSG)

"You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

Hebrews 10:35-39

Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by

faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

Numbers 13:1-3

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a ruler among them. 3 And Moses by the commandment of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Paran: all those men were heads of the children of Israel.

Numbers 13:17-14:12

Numbers 14:24 (KJV) 24 But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.

**2 spies / 12 spies = 17% success**

**4 grounds and only 1 produces = 25%**

**The track record is that only between 17% & 25% are going to make it. Where are you?**

Luke 13:24-30

Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. 25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: 26 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. 27 But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. 28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. 29 And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. 30 And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

**Strive** to enter Greek: agonizomai

Used four ways:

1. Enter a contest; contend in gymnastic games (1Cor. 9:25)
2. Contend with adversaries, to fight (Jn. 18:36; 1Tim. 6:12; 2Tim. 4:7)
3. Struggle with difficulties and dangers antagonistic to the gospel (Col. 1:29)
4. Endeavor with strenuous zeal to obtain something; labor fervently (Lk. 13:24; Col. 4:12)

David comes to Ziklag...

1 Samuel 30:3-8

**You can be pitiful or powerful, but you can't be both. There was another spirit on Caleb. I'm convinced he was like us. He had good days and bad days, just like David. But when you add them up, if you finish on a good day, that's how you spend eternity.**

2 Peter 2:4-11

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; 5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; 6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; 7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: 8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) 9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: 10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. 11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.

1 Corinthians 10:9-13

Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. 10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. 11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. 12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. **(Warning against backsliding- anyone can do it.)** 13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

A Psalm of David

Psalms 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

**3 He restoreth my soul:**

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

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Philippians 3:12-16

It's not that I've already reached the goal or have already completed the course. But I  
run to win that which Jesus Christ has already won for me. Brothers and sisters, I can't  
consider myself a winner yet. This is what I do: I don't look back, I lengthen my stride,  
and I run straight toward the goal to win the prize that God's heavenly call offers in  
Christ Jesus.

Whoever has a mature faith should think this way. And if you think differently, God will  
show you how to think. However, we should be guided by what we have learned so far.  
Imitate Me