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On Fire

That is what I want. That is what I will ask you to do in me, for me, and through me. **What do you want? What do you want me to do in you, for you, and through you?** I want you to set me on fire. I want to shine brightly for you in the darkness of this world. I want to burn white hot and be full of passion so that I can boldly use all the spiritual gifts you have given to me to minister to others. I want you to use me to build your kingdom. I want you to use me to go out into the world to make disciples. I want you to help me to store up treasure in heaven with you. As I have frequently said, I want to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. **You have a very good request in your heart and on your mind. What has happened to you?** You tell me. You have stirred up this desire in me. You have given me the desire to serve you with all that is within me. **Yes, that is true. But you must have come to some new understanding or realization.** Again, that is you at work within me. You have helped me to see that the spiritual gifts I have been given are largely dormant and going unused. That is not good. This is a tragedy. This cannot continue. **You do have good insight and wise thinking at work within you.**

What do you want from me? What can I do for you? Well, I want you to help me to rekindle and fan into flame the gifts that you have given to me. For starters, help me to understand more clearly all the spiritual gifts you have given to me. Let not one go undiscovered. Let not one be unused. Place me where you can use me. Give me a new assignment. Help me to join you in the work that you are doing in the world around. Give me an invitation that is unmistakable. Help me to respond with boldness and power and self-discipline that can only come from you. Enable me to go and do whatever you ask of me. This is my prayer. This is what you can do for me. This is what I am asking of you today, here, and right now. **I will hear and answer this prayer of yours. I will boldly use you in my service. I will fan the flame within you. I will make you white hot and passionate about serving me.** Thank you, Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit, I know I have been given spiritual gifts to use to minister to others. I know that my spiritual gifts have not been boldly and fully used to serve others. Many of my gifts have gone unused and dormant. Help me to rekindle and fully use my spiritual gifts. Amen

The Spirit Empowered Life *Fan Into Flame*

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. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

NIV 2 Timothy 1:6-7

The Spirit Empowered Life *Fan Into Flame*

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, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

ESV 2 Timothy 1:6-7

The Spirit Empowered Life *Fan Into Flames*

This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

NLT 2 Timothy 1:6-7

The Spirit Empowered Life *Stir Up*

I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

NKJV 2 Timothy 1:6-7

The Spirit Empowered Life *Rekindle The Gift*

For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

NRSV 2 Timothy 1:6-7

The Spirit Empowered Life *Kept That Ablaze*

And the special gift of ministry you received when I laid hands on you and prayed—keep that ablaze! God doesn't want us to be shy with his gifts, but bold and loving and sensible.

MSG 2 Timothy 1:6-7

The Spirit Empowered Life *Fan The Flame*

That is why I would remind you to stir up (rekindle the embers of, fan the flame of, and keep burning) the [gracious] gift of God, [the inner fire] that is in you by means of the laying on of my hands [with those of the elders at your ordination]. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.

AMP 2 Timothy 1:6-7

The Spirit Empowered Life *Stir Into Flame*

This being so, I want to remind you to stir into flame the strength and boldness that is in you, that entered into you when I laid my hands upon your head and blessed you. For the Holy Spirit, God's gift, does not want you to be afraid of people, but to be wise and strong, and to love them and enjoy being with them.

TLB 2 Timothy 1:6-7

The Spirit Empowered Life *Kindle Afresh*

For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.

NASB 2 Timothy 1:6-7

The Spirit Empowered Life *Keep Using*

This is why I remind you to keep using the gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. Now let it grow, as a small flame grows into a fire. God did not give us a spirit that makes us afraid but a spirit of power and love and self-control.

NCV 2 Timothy 1:6-7

Rekindle The Gift

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

The Spirit Empowered Life – 2 Timothy 1:6-7

In Context: Read 2 Timothy 1

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: (What is God speaking to your heart?)

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Considering The Words: (What words speak to your heart?)

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Praying The Scripture: (What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means: (What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What spiritual gifts have you been given to use to serve God in ministry to others?

Why will it often require a step of faith for you to use your spiritual gifts?

How have you relied more on God as you have stepped out in faith to use your spiritual gifts?

When have you felt reluctant and timid to use the spiritual gifts you have been given?

When has it become necessary to rekindle and fan the flame of your spiritual gifts?

Why will your spiritual gifts only become stronger and more refined through constant use?

How have you felt after boldly stepping out in faith and successfully using your spiritual gifts?

Living It Out: (What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Step out and boldly use the spiritual gifts you have been given to minister to others.

Seeing It Happen: (What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Holy Spirit will empower you to use the spiritual gifts you have been given.

Get Ready To Share: (What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how you are boldly using the spiritual gifts you have been given.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you rekindle and boldly use the spiritual gifts you have been given.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will rekindle and boldly use the spiritual gifts you have given to me.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I rekindle and boldly use the spiritual gifts you have given to me?
