

Keep the Fire Alive

2nd Timothy 1:6-8
(series #3)

Intro: the Lord's work with James and John

- Mark 3:17 "sons of thunder"

- Matthew 20:20-28 their desire for ambition

- Luke 9:51-56 their intolerance

I. Paul's desire to see God's word progress

A. 2nd Timothy 2:8-9; 2:2

B. 2nd Thessalonians 3:1

II. "Stir up the gift of God" v. 6

A. Timothy had withdrawn from serving

B. He was neglecting his gift

III. "For God has... v. 7

A. ...not given us a spirit of fear (timidity)

B. but of power

C. and of love

D. and of a sound mind."

IV. "Therefore do not be ashamed..." v. 8

A. "but share with me in the sufferings"

B. "according to the power of God"

Conclusion: If we ask, God provides the strength