2 Timothy 1 -   
Remember God’s gift to you

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## A letter almost too intimate to be read as part of the Bible – a man dying, speaking privately to his son, but by God’s grace, a letter for all Christianity

* ‘My beloved child’  
  (1:2) To Timothy, my beloved child  
  (2:1) You then, my child
* (1:4) As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy.
* (1:5) your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.  
  (1:6) I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands  
  (2:5) An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.
* (1:8) do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner  
  (2:4) please the one who enlisted him  
  (2:8-9) as preached in my gospel, 9 for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal
* (1:12) why I suffer as I do  
  (2:3) Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.  
  (2:6) It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops.

## Who Paul and Timothy are, who we are (or must be)

### Paul

* (1:1) an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus  
  (1:3) I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience  
  (1:4) As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy.
* (1:7) for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.
* (1:10-11) the gospel, 11 for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher,
* (1:12) which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced  
  Cf. (1:8) Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God
* (1:12) what has been entrusted to me.

### Timothy

* (1:2) To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.  
  (1:3-4) as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. 4 As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy.
* (1:5) I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.
* (1:6) 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
* (1:7) for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.
* (1:8) Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God
* (1:13-14) 13 Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 14 By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you

### Us:

* (1:7) for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.
* (1:9-10) 9 who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10 and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel
* (1:12) which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced
* (1:12) what has been entrusted to me.  
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## Recipients of the gift of God, a spirit of power and love and a self-control to live the life of faith and love in Christ

* (1:1) according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus
* (1:3) God whom I serve
* Remember your gift  
  (1:6) fan into flame the gift of God
* (1:8) do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me
* (1:8) share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God
* (1:13-14) 13 Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 14 By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

## For you the Christian,