


## Timothy (A Young Pastor)


“I remember the **sincere faith** you have, the kind of faith that your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice also had. **I am sure that you have it also.**”

2 Timothy 1:5 (TEV)




I have no one quite like Timothy. He is loyal, and genuinely concerned for you. Most people around here are looking out for themselves, with little concern for the things of Jesus. But you know yourselves that Timothy's the real thing."


Phil. 2:20-22 (Message)






**There are two extremes that throw a  
believer's life out of balance:**

1. Pursuing Power & Success to the neglect of Character
  2. Pursuing Character to the Neglect of Power & Success
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“I remember the sincere faith you have...  
for this reason **I remind you** to **keep alive**  
the gift that God gave you.”

2 Timothy 1:5-6 (TEV)




“Do not **neglect** the gift that is in you.”

1 Timothy 4:14

**Neglect** (def) – Disregard, Discount, Ignore,  
Underestimate, Overlook, Undervalue

## **Misconception**

If I am godly the necessary power will automatically be there to flourish in the arena of life I'm called to.



I remind you to stir up the **gift** of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

2 Timothy 1:6

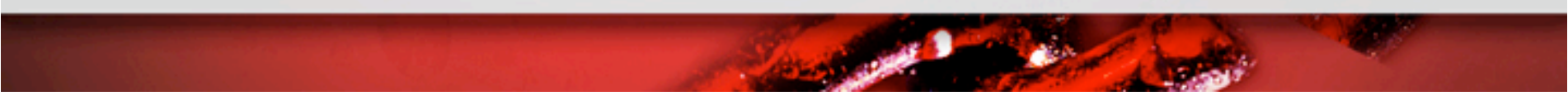
'**gift**' (Greek) - *charisma*

*Thayer's & Strong's dictionaries:*

A divine endowment of grace – God's imparted ability

*My definition:*

The Divine empowerment to do what we otherwise couldn't.



“<sup>10</sup>As **each one** has received a *gift* [*charisma*], **minister it** to one another, as good **stewards** of the **manifold** grace of God.” 1 Peter 4:10

*gift* – The Divine empowerment to do what we otherwise couldn't.

1. 'each one'
2. 'minister it' - doesn't say, 'sit on it'
3. 'stewards' – you don't own the gift
4. 'manifold' – many and various



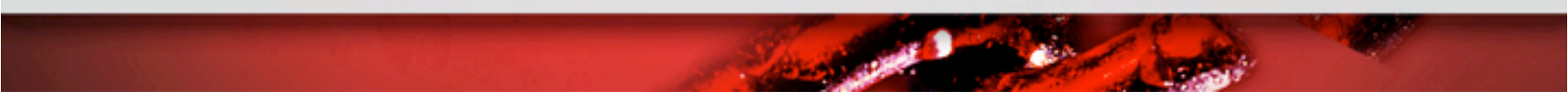
The gift of God in our life gives us the ability to:  
**Rule in Life**


“All who receive God’s abundant grace and are freely put right with Him will **rule in life** through Christ.”

Romans 5:17, TEV

“Those who receive God’s overflowing grace and **gift** of righteousness **reign as kings (or queens) in Life** through Jesus Christ.”

Romans 5:17, Weymouth





Therefore I remind you to **stir up** the gift of  
God which is in you.

2 Timothy 1:6

“**stir up**” (anazopureo) – to kindle afresh or  
keep in a full flame

**The gift of God in us  
does not work automatically!**



## Two Important Questions:

(Each answers why believers do not rule in life)

1. What causes the gift of God to become dormant?
2. How do we engage it?

<sup>6</sup>Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you.

<sup>7</sup>For God has not given us a spirit of **fear**, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”


2 Timothy 1:6-7

a spirit of ‘fear’

Fear (Greek) delilia – ‘timidity’

“Your God given gift is dormant because of **timidity**.”


“Your God given gift is dormant because of **intimidation**.”



The objective of intimidation is to restrain you from action and coerce or force you into submission.

Intimidated believers relinquish their authority in the spirit by default...


...consequently their gift – God's ability in them – lies asleep and inactive. Though it is present, it doesn't operate!



# Elijah, Ahab, & Jezebel

“There shall not be dew nor rain these years,  
except at my word.”

1 Kings 17:1



<sup>1</sup>And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword.

<sup>2</sup>Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.”


1 Kings 19:1-2



<sup>3</sup>And when he saw that, he arose and **ran for his life**, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

<sup>4</sup>But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. **And he prayed that he might die**, and said, "It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!"

1 Kings 19:3-4



“<sup>5</sup>And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

<sup>6</sup>And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baked on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.”

1 Kings 19:5-6

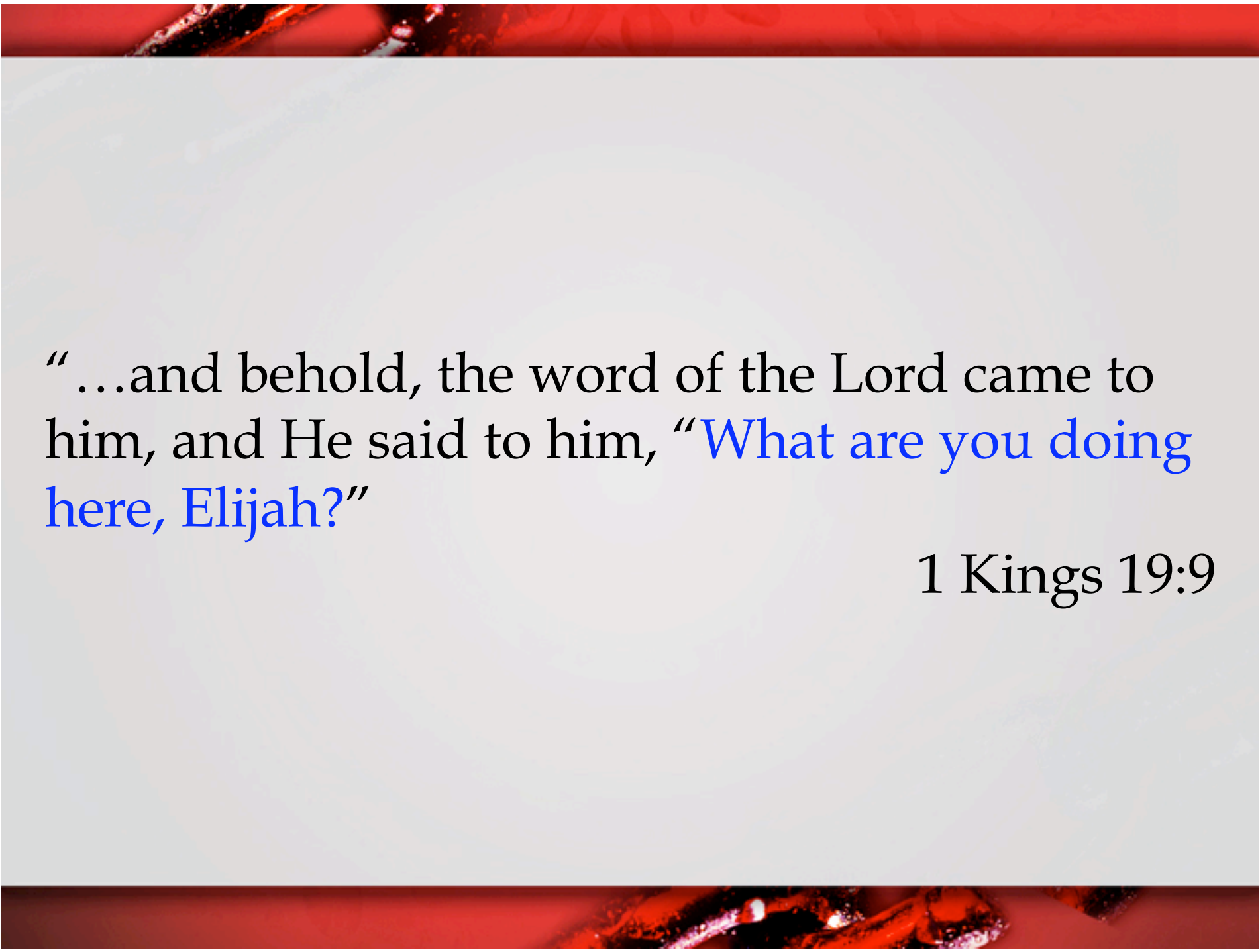


<sup>7</sup>And the angel of the LORD came back the second time, and touched him, and said, “Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you.”

<sup>8</sup>So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.

<sup>9</sup>And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, **the word of the Lord came to him.**”

1 Kings 19:7-9




“...and behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and He said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

1 Kings 19:9

## Sob Story

So he said, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.”

1 Kings 19:10



Then He said, “Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord.” 1 Kings 19:11

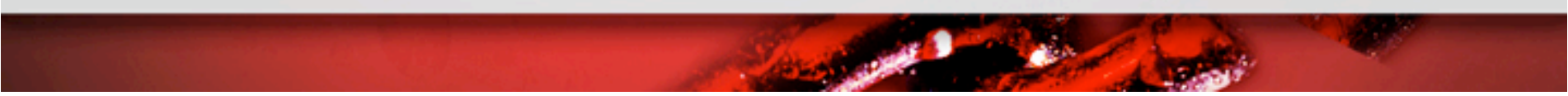
“<sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

<sup>13</sup>So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave.

Suddenly a voice came to him, and said...

... “what are you doing here, Elijah?”

1 Kings 19:12-13



## Sob Story Again

And he said, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life."

1 Kings 19:14

“<sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him: “Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria.

<sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as **prophet in your place.**”

1 Kings 19:15-16

It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill.

1 Kings 19:17



“Thus Jehu destroyed Baal from Israel.”

2 Kings 10:28

“Whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha  
will kill”


1 Kings 19:17



## Eli & His Sons

“The Word of the Lord was rare in those days;  
there was no widespread revelation.”


1 Samuel 3:1



“Now Eli was very old; and he heard everything his sons did to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.”


1 Samuel 2:22






Eli said to them, “I have been hearing reports from the people about the wicked things you are doing. Why do you keep sinning? You must stop, my sons! The reports I hear among the Lord’s people are not good.”

1 Samuel 2:23-24 (NLT)



‘Why do you...**honor your sons more than Me?**’ Therefore the LORD God of Israel says: “I said indeed that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.’ But now the LORD says: ‘Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.

1 Samuel 2:29-30



“For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them.”

1 Samuel 3:13



## Moses & His Wife

And it came to pass on the way, at the encampment, that the LORD met him (Moses) and **sought to kill him.**


Exodus 4:24

<sup>24</sup>Along the way at a [resting] place, the Lord met [Moses] and sought to kill him.

<sup>25</sup>[Now apparently he had failed to circumcise one of his sons, his wife being opposed to it; but seeing his life in such danger] Zipporah took a flint knife and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast it to touch [Moses'] feet, and said, Surely a husband of blood you are to me!


<sup>26</sup>After that, the Lord left him alone.

Exodus 4:24-26 (AMP & NLT)



“<sup>34</sup>Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>For I have come to make a sharp knife-cut between son and father, daughter and mother, bride and mother-in-law – cut through these cozy domestic arrangements and free you for God.



<sup>36</sup>Well-meaning family members can be your worst enemies.


<sup>37</sup>If you prefer father or mother over me, you don't deserve me. If you prefer son or daughter over me, you don't deserve me.

Matthew 10:34-37 (NKJV & MSG)

## Question #2:

If intimidation renders the gift of God in our life inoperative, what engages it?

Answer: **BOLDNESS**




For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

So we may boldly say: “The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”

Hebrews 13:5-6






<sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have **boldness** in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

<sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love; but **perfect love casts out fear**, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

1 John 4:17-18



## Take Away Points:

- Grace is more than forgiveness, it's the empowerment to surpass human ability.
- Each of us is gifted. It pleases God when we flourish in our gifts to build His Kingdom.
- **MISCONCEPTION:** godliness does not automatically activate your gift.
- Intimidation causes your God given gifts to lie or go inactive.
- A spirit of love, power, and a sound mind produces boldness of faith which engages our gifts.

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