

## **Revive Us Again!**

### **Part 10 – Stir Up Your Spirit**

Scripture – 2 Tim 1: 6-7 (NKJV)

*6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*

#### **A. Why The Need To Stir Up?**

##### **1. “Stir Up”**

- To fan the flame
- To rekindle the fire

2. There are many things that can potentially snuff out our spiritual fire.

3. It's our personal responsibility to cultivate a consistent, sustainable & growing spirit of fervency

#### **B. What We Need To Stir Up?**

##### **1. Committed Love – Rev 2: 4-5 (NCV)**

*4 "But I have this against you: You have left the love you had in the beginning. 5 So remember where you were before you fell. Change your hearts and do what you did at first. If you do not change, I will come to you and will take away your lampstand from its place.*

- Right doctrine and discernment, but no spiritual passion
  - They left their “First Love”
  - v5 – Prescription to restore First Love
  - 2 steps to take:
    - Isa 64:7 (NKJV)  
*7 And there is no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us, And have consumed us because of our iniquities.*
    - Psa 119:16 (TNIV)  
*16 I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.*
2. Compassion for others – Matt 9:36-38 (TNIV)  
*36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."*

- Genuine compassion touches our eyes and hearts, and moves us into action
- Differentiate genuine and false compassion

3. Cultivation of spiritual gifts – 1 Tim 4:14-16 (TNIV)  
*14 Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.*  
*15 Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. 16 Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.*

- Don't neglect our spiritual gifts
  - "To be careless; to make light of; have no regard for"
- Spiritual gifts are spiritual equipment for spiritual tasks
- v15-16 – steps to cultivate gifts
  - Diligence
  - Make progress
  - Pay attention
  - Persevere

4. Cutting Edge Fellowship – Heb 10:24 (NKJV)

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*24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works...*

- Genuine fellowship will sharpen us spiritually
- Stir up love and good works
- Provb 27:17 (NCV)  
*17 As iron sharpens iron, so people can improve each other.*