> For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.
> *— 2 Timothy 1:7*

Book: New Testament / 2 Timothy
Topics: fear, love, self-control, Spirit, strength, weakness

Interpretation:
2 Timothy 1:7 is a powerful statement of the nature *of the Spirit* that God has given to all believers. According to this statement, God has not given us a spirit of fear; in other words, God does not want us to live in fear, uncertainty, or dread in the face of life's trials. Instead, God has given us a spirit of power, love, and self-control. What does this mean for us as believers?

A Spirit of power

The first characteristic mentioned in this verse is the power that God has given to believers in *His Spirit*. This is not a temporary or worldly power, but a spiritual power that enables us to face life's trials with confidence and strength. This power *of God's Spirit* enables us to overcome situations that would otherwise be impossible for us.

For example, when we face difficulties in our interpersonal relationships, the power of the Spirit enables us to not give in to hatred or anger, but to face the conflict with love and a positive attitude.

Spirit of love

The second characteristic mentioned is the love that God has poured into our hearts through His Spirit. This love is not ordinary human love, but divine love that is unconditional and eternal.

It is a love that surpasses all understanding and causes us to love others as God has loved us. With the Spirit of love, we can love those who have hurt or harmed us, return good for evil, and extend grace and forgiveness to those who do not deserve it.

Spirit of self-control

The third characteristic mentioned is self-control. Self-control refers to the ability to control our thoughts, emotions, and behavior. The Spirit of God helps believers have self-control and not be

slaves to fleshly impulses and desires. This means that we can resist temptation, avoid bad decisions, and do what is right even when it is difficult.

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> He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.
> *— 2 Timothy 1:9*

Book: New Testament / 2 Timothy
Topics: calling, grace, Holiness, Salvation

Interpretation:
In *2 Timothy 1:9*, the apostle *Paul* tells us about God's calling of us as a people. God has saved us, and we are called by His grace, not by our meritorious works, and this was established in *Jesus Christ* before the ages of ages forever.

Salvation by grace

It is important to emphasize that our salvation is not dependent on our own works, but on the grace of God. As humans, we make mistakes and sin, but it is through faith in Jesus Christ and His sacrifice on the cross that we can receive the salvation that God offers us freely and unconditionally.

God's purpose

God's call to us shows us His purpose for our lives. God has a plan for each of us, a mission to fulfill in this world. When we accept His call and submit to Him, we give ourselves the opportunity to live life to the fullest and experience His will. The divine call leads us to fulfill our purpose in life and to fulfill the plans God has for us.

The grace of God in Christ Jesus

It is by the grace of God that we can achieve salvation and divine purpose in our lives. The grace of God means that we do not have to do anything to earn His love or favor. He gives us His grace through Jesus Christ, who died for our sins and saved us from eternal death. In Jesus we find the

grace we need to live our lives and fulfill our calling.

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> You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
> *— 2 Timothy 2:1*

Book: New Testament / 2 Timothy
Topics: grace, Jesus, strength

Interpretation:
Grace is a term that is often used in the Bible, but its meaning is poorly understood by many people. It is a concept that is at the heart of Christianity. Grace is an expression of God's unmerited love, God's favor toward all of us despite our shortcomings and sins. That is, it is a free gift that God gives us without our having to earn it.

Be strong in the grace of Christ Jesus

In *2 Timothy 2:1, Paul* encourages *Timothy*, his disciple, to be strong in the grace that is in *Christ Jesus*. This is not just an exhortation for Timothy, but for all Christians. It is a direct command from God for us to seek to understand and live in the grace He has given us.

This verse tells us that grace is not something passive. It is not something we can just sit back and wait for God to do for us. Instead, we are to be diligent, active, and eager to seek, understand, and receive this grace. We are to actively work to receive all that God has for us.

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> Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him.
> *— 2 Timothy 2:11*

Book: New Testament / 2 Timothy

Topics: death, Eternal life, reliability, Word of God

Interpretation:
The Apostle *Paul*, the writer *of Timothy*, presents us with one of the most important truths of the Christian faith in this verse of the Bible. The word “trustworthy” tells us that what is said is true and trustworthy.

If we died with him, we will also live with him

Paul tells us that “If we died with him, we will also live with him.” This is a clear reference to the death and resurrection *of Christ* and our part in it. To better understand this concept, we must remember that *Jesus* died on the cross to pay the price for our sins and rose again on the third day as proof of His victory over sin and death.

So when we surrender to Him, we realize that our own efforts to save ourselves are futile and we are truly crucified *with Christ (Galatians 2:20)*. This means that our sinful nature and our old life died with Him on the cross. Moreover, by being resurrected with Him, we receive new life in Him, an eternal life of love and grace.

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> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.
> *— 2 Timothy 2:15*

Book: New Testament / 2 Timothy
Topics: honesty, truth, work

Interpretation:
The first step in this verse is, *“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved.”* What does this mean? First of all, it is important to remember that God does not want people to remain merely superficial, but rather expects each of His followers to make the greatest effort to be able to reach Him as prepared as possible.

This idea of ??presenting yourself approved before God can be understood in different ways depending on how the text is interpreted. However, we can say that the goal is for each of us, as

individuals and as part of the Christian community, to be able to show the best version of ourselves by performing daily tasks aimed at doing things in the best possible way.

The second step of this verse teaches us the importance of acting without shame. That is, when we present ourselves approved before God, we should do so with confidence and firmness because we are doing the right thing. It is important that when we act, we have nothing to be ashamed of and that our actions are in line with our Christian values ??and principles.

The last step of this verse tells us the importance of using the word of truth correctly. What does this mean? In general terms, it means that we must have a genuine knowledge *of God's Word* and not sacrifice its meaning or content to adapt it to our interests or needs.

We must carefully analyze and study the Bible's teachings in order to correctly understand what God wants from us.

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> Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.
> *— 2 Timothy 2:22*

Book: New Testament / 2 Timothy
Topics: desires, evil, faith, love, righteousness, temptation

Interpretation:
The Bible gives us many commands to follow to live a full life *in Christ*, but this command especially focuses on young people and their passions. This verse calls us to flee from our youthful passions, our worldly desires, and to follow God in righteousness, faith, love, and peace.

Fleeing from youthful passions

Youthful passions are those that cause us to seek immediate gratification, to follow our selfish dreams without caring about the consequences. That is why the apostle *Paul* commands us to flee from them. Our passions can lead us down paths that do not lead us to peace and happiness, but if we turn away from them, we can find true freedom in Christ.

Following justice, faith, love, and peace

Instead of following our passions, we should focus on following God through justice, faith, love, and peace. Justice calls us to be honest and fair in all our relationships and to always strive to do what is right. Faith is trust in God and His plan for our lives, while love is love for God and our neighbors. Peace is the peace of Christ in our lives.

Calling on the Lord

In *2 Timothy 2:22* we are told to do these things with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. This means that we need to be in community with people who seek God and strive to live lives consistent with His word. Prayer and worship are essential to growing our faith and living in fellowship with God and others.

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> In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.
> *— 2 Timothy 3:12*

Book: New Testament / 2 Timothy
Topics: Jesus, life, persecution

Interpretation:
2 Timothy 3:12 speaks of the reality of a Christian who is striving to live godly in *Christ Jesus*: they suffer persecution. The Apostle *Paul* wrote this letter to his disciple *Timothy* to strengthen him in his faith and to warn him of the difficulties he would face in his ministry.

What does it mean to live godly?

Living godly in Christ Jesus means that as Christians we follow God’s commands and strive to apply them in our daily lives. We strive to live a life of obedience and be a faithful witness to our faith. It also means having a personal relationship with God, praying, and studying the Bible to grow in our knowledge of Him.

Why are we persecuted?

Jesus Himself said in *John 15:20, "If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also."* In other words, the reason we suffer persecution is because we are followers *of Christ* and want to live according to His will. The world does not always accept or understand our beliefs and faith-based decisions, so conflicts and uncomfortable situations may arise.

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> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
> *— 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

Book: New Testament / 2 Timothy
Topics: Church, equipment, life, serving, Word of God, work

Interpretation:
The Bible is the written *Word of God*, and it is an invaluable tool for our lives. As Christians, we believe that all Scripture is inspired by God and has an important purpose. *2 Timothy 3:16-17* speaks of the usefulness of Scripture in our lives.

Teachings

Scripture is useful for teaching us God's truths. By reading the Bible, we can learn more about the nature of God, His love for us, and His plan for our lives. Scripture shows us how *Jesus* lived and teaches us how we can live according to God's plan.

Rebuking

The term "reproof" refers to correction or rebuke. Scripture can be used to correct our thoughts and actions that are not in line with God's will. When we read the Bible, we are exposed to the truth and can see our shortcomings and weaknesses. Correction is not always easy to accept, but it is necessary if we are to grow and improve.

Correcting

Correction is not enough unless it causes us to change our actions. Scripture shows us how we can change and improve our lives. When we recognize our shortcomings and weaknesses, we can seek God's help to overcome them. The Bible shows us how to live a righteous life and gives us the tools to do so.

Training in righteousness

The word "righteousness" refers to righteousness and integrity in our lives. Scripture teaches us what is right and wrong and shows us how to live a righteous life in the eyes of God. The Bible sets moral and ethical standards and gives us guidelines for living by them.

Equipped for every good work

The verses tell us that the Word of God is able to fully equip a man of God for every good work. This means that if we want to be useful and effective in serving God, we need to cling to the Word of God and allow it to guide and instruct us. It is His teachings and His love that will support and strengthen us in difficulties and guide us on the path of good deeds.

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> The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.
> *— 2 Timothy 4:18*

Book: New Testament / 2 Timothy
Topics: evil, heaven, protection, worship

Interpretation:
The Apostle Paul writes this final letter to *Timothy* as a personal letter, encouraging him to continue in the faith and stand firm in sound doctrine in the midst of apostasy and persecution. In *verse 18*, Paul concludes his letter with a statement of his faith in the Lord to keep him from every evil deed and to bring him into *the Kingdom of Heaven*.

Interpretation of the verse

In this verse, Paul expresses his confidence in God's power and protection over his life. He recognizes that faith in the Lord is the key to being set free from every evil deed and being preserved for the Kingdom of Heaven. This statement of faith is significant because Paul experienced many trials and hardships in his ministry, including imprisonment and persecution.

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> Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.
> *— 2 Timothy 4:2*

Book: New Testament / 2 Timothy
Topics: Evangelism, patience, punishment

Interpretation:
The verse in *2 Timothy 4:2* tells us about the importance of preaching *the Word of God* at all times, no matter the circumstances. The word *"persuade"* in the Greek means *"to urge"* and this tells us that preaching the Word of God is not optional, but a task that we must persevere in, even in difficult times.

Preach the Word and be ready to do It

The call to preach the Word of God should be a constant part of our lives. We should not wait for the perfect moment or the perfect conditions to do it, but be ready to do it at any moment so that we can take advantage of every opportunity that presents itself.

It is important to understand that preaching the Word of God can often be uncomfortable or difficult, especially when it comes to potentially controversial topics. However, the verse calls us to do so with patience and teaching, which means that we must be ready to explain and support our arguments based on the Word of God.

Rebuke and exhort

In addition to preaching the Word of God, we are also called to rebuke, and exhort. These terms refer to convincing, correcting, and encouraging listeners, respectively. It is not only about imparting knowledge, but also about getting people to change their way of thinking and live according to God's commandments.

It is true that this type of work can be difficult and stressful, especially when it involves correcting someone or calling for change. However, as Christians, we must recognize that this work is necessary to help people find the right path and live according to God's will.

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> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.
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> *— 2 Timothy 4:7-8*

Book: New Testament / 2 Timothy
Topics: Eternal life, faith, judgment, reward, righteousness

Interpretation:
2 Timothy 4:7-8 is a powerful statement from the Apostle *Paul* about his Christian life. In these verses, Paul speaks of the struggle and effort it takes to follow *Jesus Christ* in a hostile and difficult society.

Verse content

First, it is important to understand the historical context in which Paul wrote to *Timothy*. This letter is the last known writing attributed to Paul. It was written in a Roman prison, shortly before his execution. Paul knew that his earthly end was near, and so he encouraged Timothy to remain steadfast in his faith. In this context, Paul uses the metaphor of a battle and a race to describe his own experience following *Christ*.

The good fight

Paul speaks of a "good fight." This phrase suggests that the struggle a Christian faces is not for selfish ends, but for a noble and just cause. Fighting the good fight means resisting temptations and pressures that could separate us from God and remaining steadfast in our faith despite difficulties.

Finishing the race

The apostle also speaks of “finishing the race.” This expression suggests that the Christian life is a race that must be run with perseverance and dedication. The race of faith is a commitment to the Gospel and Christian values, a race that begins in our lives and continues to the end. For Paul, finishing the race means achieving what God has entrusted to him despite difficulties and obstacles.

Keeping the faith

Finally, Paul speaks of “keeping the faith.” Faith is the key element in his statement. Christians must keep the faith at all costs. Faith is what keeps us steadfast and protects us from external influences that could lead us astray. Hebrews tells us that faith is *“confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see” (Hebrews 11:1)*.

Crown of justice

The crown of righteousness is a heavenly reward given to those who have served God faithfully and lived righteous and godly lives. It is a reward that only the Lord can give, and it is reserved for those who have fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept faith to the end. The crown of righteousness is a testimony of God’s love, grace, and faithfulness toward His servants.

The just Judge

The Apostle Paul mentions that the crown of righteousness will be given to him by the Lord, the righteous Judge. This tells us that the crown of righteousness will not be given arbitrarily or unjustly, but will be given according to the justice of God. He is the one who knows our hearts, our motives, and our actions, and will judge impartially and fairly.

To all who loved His appearing

Paul also mentions that the crown of righteousness will be given not only to him, but to all those who loved the Lord's appearing. This means that it is not enough to serve God faithfully; it is necessary to have a joyful and ardent expectation of the second coming of Christ. Those who loved His coming are characterized by a life of holiness and by waiting with faith and confidence for the coming of the Lord, knowing that it will be a time of victory and the full fulfillment of God's promise.

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