

**Sermon Title: The Attributes of Fulfilled Responsibility**

**Sermon Text: 2 Timothy 1:6-18**

**Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to avoid being ashamed and to fulfill their God given responsibility to advance the Gospel.**

**Sermon Proposition: There are 3 ways to motivate those who are ashamed, to fulfill their God given responsibilities.**

**I. The ashamed need to be reminded of their call to serve. V.6-7**

A. Jesus Christ has provided the blaze of the Spirit. V.6

1. The Christian is not ashamed because he is equipped to serve.
2. The Christian is not ashamed because he is designed to serve.
3. The Christian is not ashamed because he is empowered to serve.

B. Jesus Christ has provided the benefits of the Spirit. V.7

1. The Christian has dynamic courage and boldness. V.7a

**Acts 1:8** "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

2. The Christian has dynamic producing energy. V.7b (**Eph. 1:18-20; 3:20**)

**Romans 5:5** Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

**John 15:13** "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

**1 John 4:18** 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.

3. The Christian has a God given dynamic to produce results. V.7c

**Galatians 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

"There is no Christian (genuine) on the face of the earth walking around who doesn't have this power. You may not be experiencing it, because it comes to the one who is controlled by the Spirit of God, the one who has set sin aside and is consistently submitting to the leading of God's Holy Spirit, that how and where the power operates.

The idea of a sound mind refers to a disciplined, self-controlled, and properly prioritized mind. This is the opposite of fear and cowardice, that causes disorder and confusion. Focusing on the sovereign nature and perfect purposes of our eternal God allows believers to control their lives with godly wisdom and confidence in life situations.

**II. The ashamed need to be reminded of their call to suffer. V.8-12**

A. There is the call to God's purposes in suffering. V.8-10

1. The Christian has to be programmed to expect suffering. V.8a

2. The Christian has to be programmed to join in suffering. V.8b

"The disciple must be willing to take their share of evil treatment along with others."

**(1 Tim. 3:12)**

**Acts 5:41** So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

3. The Christian must be programmed to gospel suffering. V.8c

**1 Peter 4:14** If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are you*, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. <sup>15</sup> But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. <sup>16</sup> Yet if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. <sup>17</sup> For the time *has come* for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what will *be* the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

**Galatians 6:12** As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these *would* compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. . . . **14** But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. . . . **17** From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

4. The Christian must be programmed to **Christ like** suffering. V.8-10  
Thought: "If God can save me, He can preserve me."

B. There is the call to God's **positions** in suffering. V.11

1. Appointed to be a preacher-one who is sent to proclaim or herald a message publicly (function). (**Eph. 4:11-16; Colossians 1:28-29**)
2. Appointed to be an Apostle-genuine authority to fulfill a divine commission.
3. Appointed to be a teacher-speaks of the content of his message.

C. There is the call to God's **plan** in suffering. V.12a

D. There is the call to God's **preservation** in suffering. V.12b

### III. The ashamed need to be reminded of their call to **sound doctrine**. V.13-18

A. Remember the call to be **guided** by the Word of God taught. V.13

"Hold fast" or "retain" means to hold tightly or firmly, to grasp hold tightly to the standard, **hupotuposis**, it means the structure, the outline, the model, the pattern of sound words, healthy wholesome life-giving . . . true doctrine, truth. (**1 Tim. 6:20**) "The reason most people don't have the courage of their conviction, they don't have conviction."

B. Remember the call to **guard** the truth of God's Word taught. V.14

Guard the sound wholesome life-giving words, be committed to biblical theological structure, the proper interpretation of Scripture, the proper outline of the truth that produces spiritual growth, and maturity. Bible teaching as it is today is pitifully lacking in any building of backbone into Christian people because it has no sense of conviction. Paul says, "Hold to the truth." Guard the truth!

C. Remember the call to **guaranteed** rejection of God's Word taught. V.15

When you have the conviction of Scripture, when you decide not to have a doubting view of biblical truth, a dead view of truth, and a loveless insensitive view of biblical truth, then you won't risk being ashamed in the face of rejection.

D. Remember the call to **granted** mercy for the Word of God taught and caught. V.16-18

1. The no mercy granted group. V.15b

The pain of ministry is disloyal people, who when the going gets difficult, when discipline must be carried out, disappear quickly, or sow seeds of discord, they get critical and start picking at the faithful.

The people you have spent your life and time feeding and nurturing, that's the heartbreaker, and it was a heartbreaker for Paul. (**Galatians 4:19**)

2. The all mercy granted group. V.16-18