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Timidity and Intimidation

2 Timothy 1:7

Paul told Timothy that God did not give him (didn't receive from Him) a spirit of timidity. So obviously timidity comes from a different spirit. This other spirit causes us to not express love, we are held back, not aggressive in our love. We cower back.

This is one of the things worthy of the second death — coward, it is the first thing listed that makes a man worthy of the second death. Revelation 21:8 Coward comes from cow. Some cows are more bold than we are. We were created to have dominion over all things. We need not be cowardly. We have nothing to fear, fear is fantasy.

Intimidation is something to resist. This is not the spirit we received. Timothy probably had that tendency. Paul exhorted Timothy to get over it. II Timothy 1:7 (amplified)

Romans 5:5 We've got love, whether or not we use it is another thing. God gave us boldness and power. Timidity comes from fallen nature.

When we receive His Spirit we are being restored back to where we were before the fall. We have dominion over all things. If we are afraid to express love we need to put out our withered hand and confess these things. Our name is our character. Will we respond? God knows how we are, He looks at us how we are when we are restored.

Revelation 21:7-8 We all will be victorious before we enter the Holy City. The cowards, the base, those lacking in courage, and cowardly submissive, will have their place in the lake of fire. If you don't have faith in God you don't have courage. Faith dispels cowardice.

Who else goes to the second death? (Revelation 21:8, amplified) Our Master has come and redeemed us from the fall. We have courage, don't be a coward, don't be intimidated.

Timidity and intimidation are both self-concern, self-interest. We are redeemed from that. What did He give us? Love and Power! Let's overcome! The victorious will overcome these things.

Someday we will not be able to raise hands or drink the victory cup with these things in us. We have to go from glory to glory. We are like a root out of dry ground into a wonderful tree with luscious fruit.

Paul also said when we stand praying we raise hands with oneness with no division among us. We want people who are real, those who only want to please our God. So we can raise hands.

People spoke — made stands — repentances

Yoneq spoke after everyone:

When there is repentance we can expect to see fruit produced. When you see a tree with good fruit you know it is a good tree, it produces good fruit. Trees with only leaves but no fruit are like people who proclaim their belief or their repentance but have no fruit in their lives or no fruit of repentance.

Galatians 5:24 To crucify our flesh is to hold it up to public shame. It exposes our withered condition. It shows that we mean business. It shows our flesh or another spirit that we will expose them so the other spirit won't come into the Body through me or anyone else. The shame changes us. We didn't want to be that way so we bring it to the light. We must despise the shame.

Hebrews 12:1-2 Our Master endured the shame of the cross for the joy set before Him, seeing us — His offspring. We should be like our Master and not hold back in any way.

After hearing about timidity and intimidation can you go out and let them hinder you from sharing the Good News? Would we be hypocrites to hear this and then be ashamed of the Good News? But everyone in the Body is ashamed of the Good News. Mark 8:34-38 If we are ashamed of Him, He will be ashamed of us.