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l. <u>2 Tim 1:1-12</u>

- A. Remind Webster To put in mind; cause to remember
- B. **<u>Remind</u>** anamimnesko Comes from two words:
 - 1. ana Up, repetition and intensity
 - 2. mimnesko To recall to the mind

C. Reminded of 3 things:

- 1. Gift OF God
- 2. Calling BY God
- 3. Purpose FOR God

D. GIFT OF GOD - V6 - YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO OFFER!

- 1. Gift charisma Divine gratuity, spiritual endowment given graciously and generously
 - a) Matt 25:23 Faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things
 - b) "Many times our problem in life is not about the things we want but do not have but the things we have but overlook."

2. The Gift of God in us has two benefits:

- a) Internal Benefits, adds value to you Gain, increase, promotion, profit
- b) External Benefits, adds value to others Cost, expense, sacrifice, service
- Rom 12:6 6 Having then <u>gifts differing</u> according to the <u>grace</u> that is <u>given</u> to us, let us <u>use</u> them:
 - a) Differing diaphoros Varied, diverse, unlike
 - b) <u>Grace</u> *charis* Goodwill freely dispersed by God; kindness, favor, graciousness
 (1) <u>Matt 20:26-28</u> The Son of Man did not come <u>to be served</u>, but <u>to serve</u>
 - c) <u>Use</u> *Webster* To put into action or service: to expend or consume by putting to use —often used with up
- E. <u>**1 Tim 4:14-16**</u> 14 Do not <u>*neglect*</u> the gift that is in you...
 - 1. Neglect Careless, disregard, ignore, not value
 - 2. Progress prokope Move forward, Advance, Grow
 - 3. In the process of "becoming" you will "do" things but we don't "do" things in order to "become."
- F. CALLING "BY" GOD V8-9 Called us with a holy Calling
 - 1. **<u>Calling</u>** *klesis* An invitation or summons by authority to be present or participate
 - 2. Rom 11:29 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.
 - a) <u>**Gifts</u>** *charisma* Divine gratuity, spiritual endowment given graciously and generously</u>
 - b) **<u>Calling</u>** *klesis* An invitation or summons to be present or participate

- c) <u>Irrevocable</u> *ametameletos* Not feeling regret or sorry about; not wishing that it would be any different
 - (1) Num 23:19 19 God is not a man, that He should lie...
- 3. Heb 3:1-3 1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling...

G. PURPOSE "FOR" GOD

- 1. Works ergon Work that a person is obliged to perform for moral or legal reasons
 - a) <u>**2 Cor 8:3-4</u>** According to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing</u>
- 2. **<u>Purpose</u>** *prothesis* To plan in advance, anticipated outcome that guides planned actions
 - a) Jer 29:11 11 For I know the thoughts (plans) that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope
 - b) Col 3:23-25 Do it to the LORD and from the LORD receive your reward
- 3. Matt 16:24-25 Save your life and lose it, lose your life and find it

H. Our gift needs to be stirred up

1. Stir up - anazopureo - Fresh life, reactivate, light up again, rekindle, fan a flame

II. APPLICATION:

- A. What are some gifts that God has given you?
- B. Are you neglecting or hiding any of your gifts?
- C. How are you using those gifts to serve and meet the needs of others?
- D. Will you give yourself away and accept the call from God to use what He has given you?
- E. Are you living for His purpose or are you living for your own?