

USING THE GIFTS GOD GIVES US | 2 TIMOTHY 1:3-14

What is the chief purpose of man? Theologians in the 17th Century provided this answer: Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. Glorify means to attribute high status to someone by honoring him. When God pours His grace upon us and we put our trust in Jesus Christ, God's Spirit begins to dwell inside us. He helps us understand and remember the Word of God which teaches us to both honor and enjoy Him. The Holy Spirit also gives us gifts and empowers us to honor God by using those gifts. While the Apostle Paul was writing to a young pastor named Timothy, he told him to fan the flame of the gift of God. We too need to be challenged to fan the flames of the gifts God has given us. What lessons can we learn from our passage regarding honoring God in trying times?

1. We must not let _____ prevent us from using the gifts God has given us. (1 Timothy 1:3-7)

2. We must not let _____ or _____ prevent us from being who God desires us to be. (1 Timothy 1:8-12)

3. We must _____ on God and follow the _____ of solid believers in order to live out our faith and exercise our gifts. (1 Timothy 1:13-14)