

THE RESOURCES OF THE REDEEMED

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

I. Satan's purpose

Do we face our future with hope? Are you being robbed of the joy of your salvation because of fear? Do you have a fear that makes your life stressful? Do you have a fear of standing up for your faith? The word "fear" is translated as "timidity" in most modern translations – are you a timid Christian? That is Satan's plan and purpose for neutralizing your influence as a disciple.

II. The Savior's provision

But, Paul shows Timothy that God has given us three resources to overcome his fear.

A. Power

Power to face and overcome our fears.

B. Passion

1 John 4:18 says "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear." How does love counteract fear in our lives? To know that God loves you can relieve a lot of fear. Have you experienced His love? Have you come to know Him as your loving, heavenly Father? If you have, you know the peace that comes in that relationship. Because I know that God loves me, I don't have to be fearful of what man thinks.

C. Purpose

The real issue in a tormenting fear is wrong thinking. When we're thinking right and remembering God, then fear does not govern our lives.