

If you don't stir the pot while something is cooking, it sticks to the bottom of the pan. Before you know it, you have clumpy mess that will not move. And, that is hard to clean up.

I, in the past, got clumpy this way. I got in ruts where I mechanically read God's Word. I became defeated because I lost hope in a greater thing. I got plowed down because people weren't nice.

Yet, these conditions-of-heart were on me. The fact-of-the-matter was I didn't stir my own pot. I allowed myself to get clumpy.

**"Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands."
(2 Tim 2:6 KJV)**


The early Christians were reminded to stir! They were told to stir up the gifts given to them by God. To stir means to "kindle up" or to "fan into a flame". The responsibility here belongs to us. We fan our own God-given flame. We stir things up. How?

Well, how has God gifted you? I am an encourager. What are you? A giver? A teacher? A helper? A builder? Consider your passion and how God likes to use you.

Even if you can't think of your gifting, you can still stir things up. We all have been gifted with grace upon grace thanks to Jesus. Remind yourself of this fact. You are loved, equipped and empowered. Christ lives inside you. He has, and currently does, call you to great things in and through Him.

Stir up your gift. Fan your flame. You are here for a purpose and on purpose.

Another way to stir things up is to use your gifting. Love others. Speak truth. Encourage. Share what God has put on your heart. Step outside the bounds of comfort. We don't need continual comfort anymore than we need last month's paper. Be a pioneer through God's Spirit rather than retracting from this world in fear. Stir your gift up. Activate it by engaging with it, as you love others. Love them BIG, and love them bold! The more you do this, the more on fire for Jesus you will become. You'll be excited about your faith. You will rekindle the excitement for Jesus you once had. Stir things up.



PRAISE



FAN INTO FLAME

Fan into flame the gift you are given
fan into flame the gift that is yours.
God's spirit of love dwelling in your heart
may it burn forever bright.

You are God's own people, chosen in God's love
called to share the good news as Jesus did on earth
bear with one another as you share in this same love
live your lives in unity, be one in mind and heart.

Rooted in Christ's love, may your faith grow strong.
May you know His peace, whose home is in your heart.
And with all God's people may you always know,
the depth of God's love for you there from the very start.

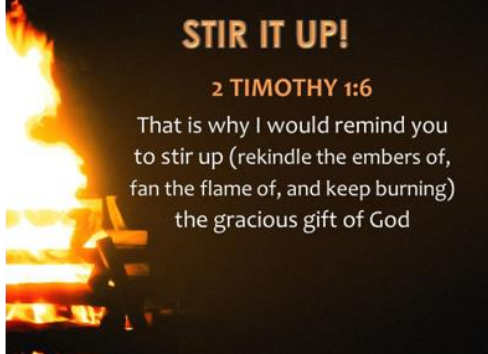
There is one Lord, one faith
there is one spirit, to this you belong.
So fan into flame the love that burns within you
and light up your path as you journey along.

(Marie Dunne, CHF)

STIR IT UP!

2 TIMOTHY 1:6

That is why I would remind you
to stir up (rekindle the embers of,
fan the flame of, and keep burning)
the gracious gift of God





Forgive me, Father, for the times I have
been fearful and timid in living out my faith
in Jesus.

I pray that I may fan into flame the spiritual
gift that You have given me by Your grace,
so that Christ may be formed in me.

I ask that you give me holy and wise
boldness as I live for your glory, O God. In
the name of Jesus.

Amen.

We're going to be sending out a monthly devotional thought and if you have something that you would like to share with us please get in touch and we will be delighted to send it out

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