

The Ministry Medical

No. 4: Are you serving in the power of the Spirit?

⁶ ...fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands,

⁷ **for God gave us a Spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.**

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God

1. Do you feel your natural inadequacy? Good
2. Do you regularly flee the battle field, seeking your own interest and comfort? Not good
3. Is powerlessness the issue?
4. Is self-protection the issue?
5. Is panic the issue?

Fear

¹⁵ ...everyone ... has deserted me

¹⁰ ...Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia.

¹⁶ At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me.

Lev. 26:36 ...I will make their hearts so fearful... that the sound of a windblown leaf will put them to flight. They will flee as though fleeing from the sword, even though no one is pursuing them.

2 Sam. 23

the men of Israel withdrew.

the men fled from the Philistines.

power and love and self control

¹⁶ May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains. ¹⁷ On the contrary, when he was in Rome, he searched hard for me until he found me.

¹¹ Only Luke is with me.

May it not be held against them. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever.

Lev. 26:6-8 ...no one will make you afraid. ...You will pursue your enemies, and they will fall by the sword before you. Five of you will chase a hundred...

⁹ ...Eleazar the son of Dodo... He was with David when they defied the Philistines who were gathered there for battle, and ¹⁰ He rose and struck down the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clung to the sword. And the LORD brought about a great victory that day...

¹¹ And next to him was Shammah, the son of Agee the Hararite. The Philistines gathered together at Lehi, where there was a plot of ground full of lentils, and

¹² But he took his stand in the midst of the plot and defended it and struck down the Philistines, and the LORD worked a great victory.