

## **Rekindling the Flame**

**Text: 2 Timothy 1:6**

### **Introduction**

The apostle Paul's exhortation to his "dearly beloved son," Timothy, "stir up the gift," was concerned with the spiritual flame of his life and ministry. The word translated "stir up" (*anazopureo*) means "to kindle afresh" or "keep in full flame."

### **Message**

#### **1. Cooling of the coals.**

- a. The necessity of Paul's statement implies a lessening of ardor, a dampening of desire, a lack of passion for the Lord.
- b. In church history such a dying of the flame is often seen following an explosion of revival fire.
- c. After being born in the white heat of Pentecostal blessing, will our Movement, our local churches, our own hearts suffer a cooling of the coals?

#### **2. Stirring the embers.**

- a. Paul saw the stirring up of the fire as essential to the ongoing of the flame.
- b. The embers are being stirred to open flame today in Brazil, Indonesia, even behind the Iron Curtain, and in the charismatic revival in America.
- c. Without a perpetual stirring, the fire can and will soon be ashes.

#### **3. Fueling the flame.**

- a. The fire can be fueled by a revalidation of our belief.
- b. The flame can be rekindled by a reassessment of our Christian witness in the world.
- c. The fire can be kept in full flame by a reaffirmation of our faith in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Conclusion**

Let us pray earnestly that we shall experience a new burning of the warming, purifying, consuming fire of the Holy Spirit. Lord, send the fire.

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