

Fan into Flame the Gift of God

*For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you ...
for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.*
(2 Tim. 1:6-7)

- A. Consistency is key:** Just like the campfire, we must watch over the fire to keep it alive. Daily discipline and devotion are essential to fan the flame.
- B. Definition of insanity:** Doing the same “wrong” thing and expecting a different “good” result.
- C. Accountability is key:** God’s word says, *“Therefore, confess your sins to one another, that you may be healed”* (Js. 5:16).
- D. Laboring is key:** To establish new ways and form new paths in our thinking requires work! My pediatrician used to tell me that before a child will accept a new food, they had to try it at least 20 times.
- E. Progress not perfection:** Don’t look for perfect results. Work the method but do not put your hope and trust in the method but in Christ.
- F. Growth doesn’t happen overnight:** But it does happen!! *“So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth”* (1 Cor. 3:7).
- G. The battle is real:** Life is warfare. Every day. The enemy does not take a day off. But praise be to God who gives us the victory in Christ!
- H. We have concluded that God loves us:** *For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.*
- I. CHRIST! It is Christ. All Christ:** *“You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus”* (2 Tim. 2:1). *“I can do all things through him who strengthens me”* (Phil 4:13). *“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”* (Gal. 2:20).

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