

THE REAL DEAL, PART 1
RED SERIES, PART 5

BIG IDEA: A Spirit-filled life should result in a life lived in the Spirit.

I like your Christ; I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ. —
Mahatma Ghandi

For God will never give you the spirit of fear, but *[He gives you]*¹ the Holy Spirit who gives you mighty power, love, and self-control. **2 Timothy 1:7 (TPT)**

TWO EVIDENCES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIFE OF A BELIEVER

FEARLESSNESS: *FOR GOD WILL NEVER GIVE YOU THE SPIRIT OF FEAR...*

So, you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. **Romans 8:15 (NLT)**

Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the Lord means safety. **Proverbs 29:25 (NLT)**

Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard. **Acts 4:19, 20 (ESV)**

SELF-CONTROL: *THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE ONE WHO GIVES YOU... SELF-CONTROL.*

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives... self-control. **Galatians 5:22, 23 (NLT)**

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. **1 Corinthians 13:1 (NLT)**

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the most significant thing that you took away from the message?
2. What is one thing you will do this week in response to the message?
3. What do you think Mahatma Ghandi meant by this comment: "I like your Christ; I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ."? What might be some of the implications of this if he is correct?
4. According to 2 Timothy 1:7 what are four evidences of the Holy Spirit at work in a believer?

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5. How would you define fearlessness? What's the difference between the fear of the Lord and the fear of man?
6. What kind of traps do you think Proverbs is referring to in the following verse?

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7. Pastor Mark referred to fear as a "spirit." What do you think he meant by that? Where does this "spirit" come from?
8. Talk about a few examples of fearlessness from the scriptures and what you can learn from them as it relates to living a Spirit-filled life today.
9. How would you define self-control as evidence of a Spirit-filled life?
10. What's the difference between the fruit of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit?
11. Pastor said, "no one will be excluded from heaven because they didn't operate in a gift of the Spirit, but they might if they don't give evidence of the fruit of the Spirit." What do you think he meant by that?
12. What are some areas of life we should exhibit self-control over?

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