



Daily Reflections

January 26, 2017

Scripture

2 Timothy 1: 1-8

Paul, an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God
for the promise of life in Christ Jesus,
to Timothy, my dear child:

grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father
and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God,
whom I worship with a clear conscience as my ancestors did,
as I remember you constantly in my prayers, night and day.

I yearn to see you again, recalling your tears,
so that I may be filled with joy,

as I recall your sincere faith
that first lived in your grandmother Lois

and in your mother Eunice
and that I am confident lives also in you.

For this reason, I remind you to stir into flame

the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands.
For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but rather of power and love and self-control.
So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord,
nor of me, a prisoner for his sake;
but bear your share of hardship for the Gospel
with the strength that comes from God.

Our Scripture Reflection

Jesus never said that giving witness to Him would be easy, did He? No, He said that you must pick up and carry your cross each day. Something amazing happens when we do. In time, we actually experience joy in doing so. It's one of the great ironies of true discipleship.

Food for your Journey

"One thing alone I charge you. As you live, believe in life! Always human beings will live and progress to greater, broader and fuller life. The only possible death is to lose belief in this truth simply because the great end comes slowly, because time is long."

-W. E. B. DuBois, written 26 June 1957, read at his funeral, 1963.

Prayer from the Heart

Precious Lord, You never said the road would be easy. You did promise me Grace to help me travel that road. Keep me steady and steadfast, Lord. Teach me Your way. Amen.

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