

D. These notes:

These notes are fragmentary outlines of the original talks. They are not completed manuscripts but just the summary of ideas. They are intended as a supplement to the talks and as a "take home" sort of thing for those who may wish to review the stresses we have attempted to make. It is my personal hope that what we hear and what we see will drive us to the Word of God and from it we will take the substance that allows us to maintain spiritual life in the academic community...

II. The Talks

A. Remember the Gift of God..

2 Timothy 1:1-14, emphasis in vs. 7

1. Introductory comments

This letter, as others, is marked with Paul's thankfulness for Timothy's testimony and prayer for his continued faithfulness. In vs. 6 he has reminded him of the call of God on his life and urges him to be faithful to it. With that as a background he explains to Timothy the character of God's gift. In this passage that is more than the gift of salvation (well, I mean it goes beyond that) and looks to what God has done for the total man. He has not given us the spirit of fear...the worldly spirit whereby we are marked with the apprehension of doubt and disaster...but the spirit of love and power and sound-mindedness (self-control). As Timothy moves out to appoint men for the work of God and to establish testimonies for the Lord's honor, he may often have cause to wonder about his commission and to fear. But to maintain his spiritual life in such conditions, Paul reminds him of the essential nature of the gift of God. It is contrary to what our human fears and expectations might be.