

Daily Devotion For September 29, 2021

⁶ For this reason I remind you to **fan into flame** the **gift of God**, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:6-7

Last Saturday, we had a wonderful hike along the shoreline from Lover's Point to Cannery Row and back. Following the hike, we enjoyed a barbecue at my home. I think most people love a barbecue. The smell and the taste of hamburgers on the grill can brighten up anyone's day.

Nowadays a lot of people use propane gas stoves to grill. But when I was growing up, we used charcoal. We would put the charcoal in the grill and then we would use a Japanese fan to **fan the flames** so that they would grow hot for barbecuing.

In 2 Timothy 1:6-7, the apostle Paul encourages Timothy to **fan into flames** the gift of God. Paul was saying that God had given to Timothy and each one of us a spiritual gift. Timothy's responsibility was to **fan it's flame** to rekindle the gift so that he could be useful for the work of God. The Bible says that to every believer, God has given at least one spiritual gift. It is our responsibility to discover, develop, and deploy that gift(s).

Thought For Today: What are you doing to **fan the flame** of your spiritual gift? What can you do to fan the small flame into a blazing fire?

Today's Prayer Focus: Pray that the Lord would help you to **fan into flame** your spiritual gift into a blazing fire to serve, honor and glorify God. Continue to use the prayer fuel as part of your daily devotions. Deo Volente.