Soaring for Christ

2 Timothy 1:7

Four Dynamics of Flight

Drag Thrust

Weight Lift

Drag is overcome by thrust

Weight is overcome by lift

2 Timothy 1:7

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

Comparison of Flight and Faith

Drag = Fear

Thrust = Power

Lift = Love

Weight = Self-Discipline

Chuck Swindoll Quote

Life...as God intended it enables us to live above the drag of fear, superstition, shame, pessimism, guilt, anxiety, worry, and all the negativity that keeps people from seizing each day as a gift from Him.

Christ Equips Us with His Spirit

- Timothy faced incredible opposition
- Trials are opportunities for God to show His strength
- The Spirit allows us to overcome

The Person of the Holy Spirit

Debate: Spirit or just spirit

The Holy Spirit works through our inner disposition and attitudes to accomplish ministry

We need to rely on the Holy Spirit to work within our spirit

Christ Eclipses Our Fear

Fear is not common use - Timidity
Fear is a type of cowardice
Fear is crippling

The Problem of Fear

Fear is a common reality
Fear makes false things appear real
Fear limits our resolve
Fear causes us to forget resources

Christ Energizes with Power

Power is the supernatural ability to do the will of God

Power fell on the Apostles at Pentecost

Power allows us to live for Christ

The Potential of Power

Power increases our confidence Power improves our character Power ignites our conduct

Christ Empowers Our Love

Love that is empowered by the divine source of Jesus

Love that seeks the best for others

Love that is a matter of choice

The Priority of Love

Love reveals that we follow Christ Love is the basis for fellowship with the church

Love is the foundation of Christian belief

Love shows the faithfulness of Christ through us

Christ Enables Our Self-Discipline

- Discipline is the manner of thinking that allows us to see the world from God's perspective
- Discipline is not self effort but Christ enabled
- Discipline self control and sound minded

The Process of Self-Discipline

Discipline reflects the mind of Christ

Discipline is rational Discipline is reasonable

How Can We Soar for Christ

Rely on the Spirit Refuse to give in to fear Refresh the power of Christ Renew your love in Christ Reflect the discipline of Christ