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