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Unabashed and Unabating: **Three Reasons for “Onesiphorus-Style” Ambassadorship** **(II Timothy 1:8-14)**

^{ESV} 2 Timothy 1:8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹² which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day *what has been entrusted to me* [or *“what I have entrusted to him”*]. ¹³ Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Settle in for a Story¹

BIG IDEA: As disciples, in our lives of service to Jesus the King, let’s imitate Donaldina Cameron!

In our ambassadorship, let’s be *unabashed and unabating*.

“Unabashed”

^{ESV} 2 Timothy 1:8 ...do not be ashamed [Greek: *E-pai-sku-no-mai*] of the testimony about our Lord,

ἐπαισχύνομαι—“to experience a painful feeling or sense of loss of status...”

“Unabating”

^{ESV} 2 Timothy 1:8 ...but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,

^{ESV} 2 Timothy 1:16 ...Onesiphorus...he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains, ¹⁷ but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me—

A Tall Spiritual Order (Or is it?)²

¹ The longer version can be found in this great recent book: *The White Devil’s Daughters: The Women Who Found Slavery in San Francisco’s Chinatown* by Julia Flynn Siler.

² To listen to the “Holy Spirit Side Trip” messages, click here: <http://www.fbcdavis.org/resources/messages>. Part 1, “God’s Personal Empowering Presence,” was June 16. Part 2, “Crossing the Spirit-én Gap,” was July 21.

Unabashed and Unabating Ambassadorship: Three Reasons

1. Because of the _____ quality of our new “in Christ” nature.

^{ESV} 2 Timothy 1:7 for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. ⁸ *Therefore* do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord,

^{ESV} Romans 8:37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

2. Because _____ royal service was the reason for our redemption.

^{ESV} 2 Timothy 1:9 who saved us and called us to a holy calling [Greek: *Klay-sis*]

κλήσις— “An invitation to experience of special privilege and responsibility.”

3. Because of the sure-fire _____ of our full-self investment.

^{ESV} 2 Timothy 1:12 ...But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me.

^{BGT} 2 Timothy 1:12 ...δυνατός [powerful; able] ἔστιν [he is] τὴν παραθήκην μου [my deposit] φυλάξει [to guard]...

^{NIV} 2 Timothy 1:12 ...Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

^{ESV} Romans 2:7 to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life;

^{ESV} 2 Timothy 1:9 who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace.

The Possibility of “*Functional Shame*”³

A Final Reason to be Unabashed and Unabating⁴

³ Thanks Bronwyn Lea for the concept!

⁴ Click her to read Tara Isabella Burton's article, “I Spent Years Searching for Magic—I Found God Instead”:
<https://catapult.co/stories/i-spent-years-searching-for-magici-found-god-instead-tara-isabella-burton>