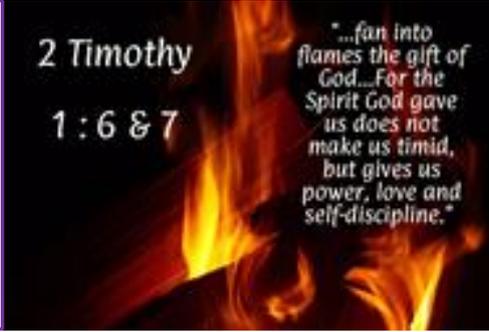


<p><i>Even at the distance enforced by "Corona," I can picture the warmth of love and community that pervades our lounge at Cuan Phádraig. But I miss the shared experience of putting those logs in the stove and setting them all ablaze.</i></p>	 <p><b>2 Timothy</b> <b>1:6 &amp; 7</b></p> <p><i>"...fan into flames the gift of God...For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."</i></p>	<p><i>How about setting some spiritual logs ablaze to maintain that bond of love and community which the Father so eagerly desires? A log a day from each of us would keep the fire of love ablaze and put a smile on the face of our Lord.</i></p>
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**No Logs, No Fire. Put a Log on Your Spiritual Fire each Day.**

**Log 1 Ablaze with God's Word.** Ponder the fiery effect of God's Word. Fire purifies, illuminates and empowers. Jesus is the Word made flesh. The Word produces wonders. Let the Word be centre stage. Be addicted to the Word! What is your favourite Word?

**Reflect on Hebrews 4:12.**

**Log 2 Ablaze with Prayer.** Our God is the God who hears and answers. Prayer is a priority. Prayer is a powerful act of yielding and surrender. Prayer comes in many forms. Think of 15 things we are commanded to pray about. When are we to pray? Prayer is a decision by all of us.

**Reflect on 1 Thessalonians 5:17.**

**Log 3 Ablaze with the Holy Spirit.** Consider the Holy Spirit's movement in the ministry of Jesus, in the Book of Acts, and in your life. The signs that should follow you – cast out devils, speak with new tongues, serpents and deadly poison will not hurt you, lay hands on the sick and they will recover, seek the gifts of the Holy Spirit, - words of wisdom, words of knowledge, gift of special faith, gift of healings, gift of miracles, gift of prophecy, the gift of tongues, the gift of interpretation of tongues, the gift of discernment of spirits. Know the great importance of leading others to Baptism in the Spirit.

**Reflect on Acts 2: 17-21.**

**Log 4 Ablaze with Worship.** What is worship? Consider Jesus and his disciples, worship songs in the New Testament. Psalms. Hymns and spiritual songs. How God responds to our worship. Experiencing the Glory of God and the power of God. The need for personal humility. God's anointing. Different sounds, different styles, different eras. The key is giving God the Glory, putting him in first place.

**Reflect on Acts 16: 25-34.**

**Log 5 Ablaze for Souls.**

The Good News of salvation, The great commission, the reality of eternity, the reality of heaven, the reality of hell, witnessing, testimony, getting the message straight, expect opposition to your preaching, avoid failure to preach/ to share the Good News, don't worry about fear of rejection, being laughed at. Worry about lack of faith. If it is lacking, plead with the Lord to increase it a hundred-fold and more.

**Reflect on Acts 4: 8-12.**

**Log 6 Ablaze with Generosity.** Consider the generosity of Jesus, his disciples and the early Church. God's sacrificial giving. He gave his only begotten Son. Think of St. Paul and the Macedonians (2 Corinthians 8). Cultivate a passion for giving. See God's words on giving in the Book of Malachi. He detests their stinginess, their sub-standard offerings and rubbish sacrifices. "You are under a curse", he tells them and calls them to repentance.

**Reflect on Acts 4:32-37.**

**Log 7 Ablaze with Holiness.** What is Holiness? Refer to the Exhortation of Pope Francis "Rejoice and be Glad." It calls us to live the Beatitudes, to see ourselves as God sees us. Humility, to serve rather than to be served. A moment to moment yielding to God, remembering that we are temples of the Holy Spirit.

**Reflect on 1 Peter 1: 13-15.**

**Log 8 Ablaze with Humility.**

Know what pride looks like. Pride was Lucifer's downfall. King David's son, Absalom in the old Testament? Judas Iscariot in the New Testament? Contrast Mary's lavish gift of precious and expensive ointment to Jesus (John 12: 1-8). Humility is pride's remedy. "The first shall be last and the last shall be first."

**Reflect on 1 Peter 5: 5-6.**

**Log 9 Ablaze under Authority.**

Necessary to get on well with authority and rulers that God has appointed. Rebellion and discord and division are signs of the end of the Age. (See Mark, Chapter 13). Recognise signs of spiritual authority. Have an ear to hear the one who leads with true authority.

**Reflect on Hebrews 13:17.**

**Log 10 Ablaze with the Fear of the Lord.** What is the fear of the Lord? Foundational to everything. The Early Church possessed it. Ananias and Sapphira fell payed the price for the lack of it (Acts 5: 1-11). Ponder Divine discipline. Develop a healthy fear of the Lord.

**Reflect on Hebrews 12: 5-7.**

**No Logs, No Fire. Don't let the fire go out!**

