

Paul the Apostle

Series:

Passing the Baton of a Faithful Ministry



II Timothy

66 or 67 AD

Sermon: Foundational Keys to Exercise One's Ministry

II Timothy 1:6-8

Life in ministry is not designed for our . . .

Comfort

Control

Being
Consumers

Life



I. Rekindle Our Ministry Gift – v6

Fan into

flame

the gift of

God,

which is in you.

1 Timothy 1:6

Listing of Spiritual Gifts

Romans 12

Encouragement
Giving
Leadership
Mercy
Prophecy
Service
Teaching

1 Corinthians 12

Administration
Discernment
Healing
Interpretation of Languages
Languages
Prophecy
Wisdom

Apostle
Faith
Helps
Knowledge
Miracles
Teaching

Ephesians 4

Apostle
Pastor
Teaching

Evangelism
Prophecy

1 Peter 4

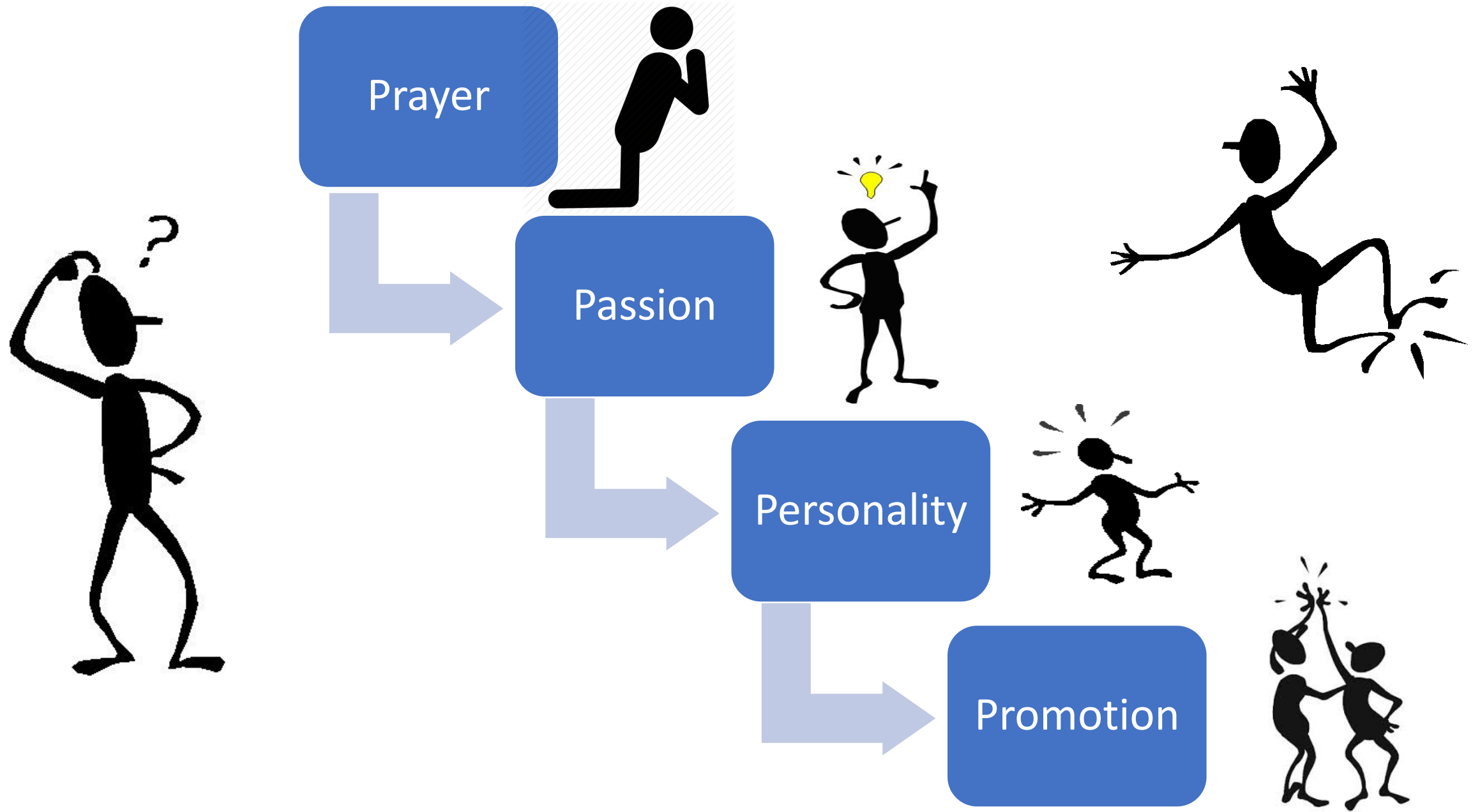
Serving
Teaching

**The gifts in italics are repeated in one of the other passages.*

Key Points on Spiritual Gifts

- I Corth. 12 - Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷ **To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.** Verse 11 ¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, **who apportions to each one individually as he wills.**
- I Peter 4:10-11 - As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything **God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.** To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

How Does Someone Discover Their Spiritual Gift?



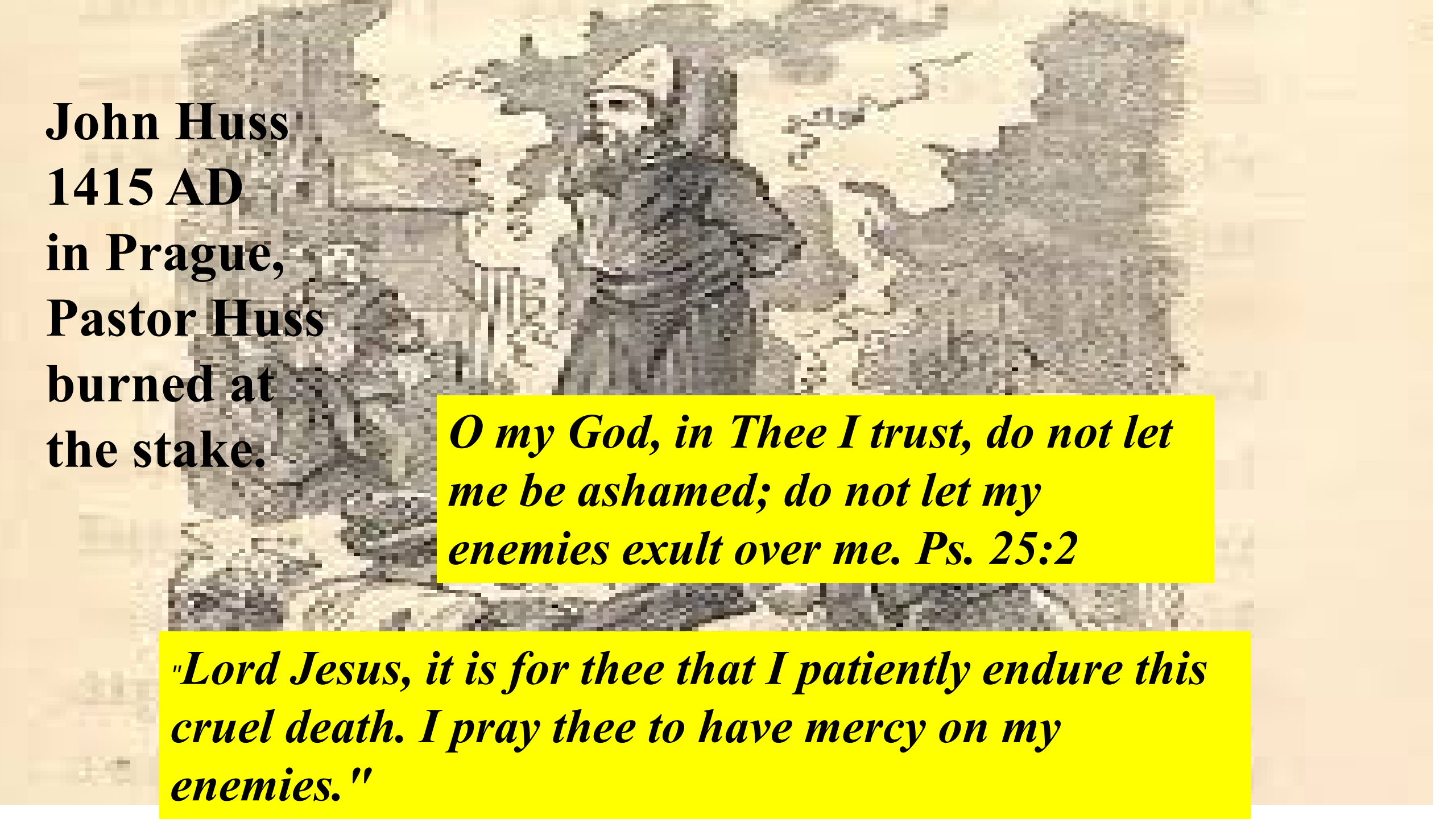
II. Rely on God's Gifts in Ministry – v7

I Cor. 9:26-27, I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I buffet my body and make it my salve, least possibly, after I have preached others, I myself should be disqualified.

***(timidity)**

III. Realize we will Suffer in Ministry – v8

- *Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Matthew 5:11-12*
- *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, 'The righteous shall live by faith.' Romans 1:16-17*



**John Huss
1415 AD
in Prague,
Pastor Huss
burned at
the stake.**

O my God, in Thee I trust, do not let me be ashamed; do not let my enemies exult over me. Ps. 25:2

"Lord Jesus, it is for thee that I patiently endure this cruel death. I pray thee to have mercy on my enemies."

The Takeaway: A baton of suffering

- *³⁵ Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in two,^[a] they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.*

God is not ashamed to be called their God.

Hebrews 11:16