

## **Divine Romance - Spiritual Warfare**

### **Week 2 – Friday**

2 Tim. 1:7 – Footnotes 7<sup>1</sup>, 7<sup>2</sup>

When I was younger I used to think that I was the only one who had such a problem. I found out later that nearly everyone has the problem of stray thoughts even now. It could be a dream that you had last night. Did this ever happen to you? You are praying, “Lord, I love You” and you don’t even realize when another thought comes, but you find yourself thinking of the dream that you had last night. If the dream was not a good one, you find your inner being sinking. It may take you 3 or 4 minutes that you are thinking about that to realize that you are thinking about your dream. You may not know when it started but suddenly you have a realization, “I need to come back.” Sometimes it is like trying to pull yourself out of quicksand. How can we take captive every thought unto the obedience of Christ as it says in 2 Corinthians 10:5? This takes a combination of our spirit and our will. First, we need the enlightenment of the Word in these verses that we read tonight that really expose Satan’s strategy.

Second Timothy 1:7 is another key verse. It says, “For God has not given us a spirit of cowardice, but of power and of love and of sobermindedness.” Please notice that it is our spirit, but this verse says it is a spirit of three things. What are those three things? Power, love and sobermindedness. Isn’t it something that our spirit has the three parts of our soul covered? Of course, the sobermindedness matches the mind, love matches the emotion, and power matches the will. This is not about exercising our will power; this is our exercising our spirit which is a spirit of power that empowers our will to stand with the Lord in the spiritual warfare. This is our will and our spirit rising up to say, “No!” You cannot keep a thought from coming but you can stop the thought from interrupting the dispensing. Sometimes, when the spirit is more sensitive as I am there with the Lord and a thought comes, I would even say “No” out loud, “Stop.” You tell your mind stop and then you continue. Saints, we need to rule our inner being by our spirit of power.