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2 Timothy 1:6-14

Are American Christians being persecuted today? Anti-Christian people will sometimes attack personally, call us names, sue, and lie. Yet the war on Christianity in America hasn't yet reached the high levels as in other parts of the world. Nevertheless, a battle is being waged. Paul said "everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted" (2 Timothy 3:12).

Unlike American Christians, Christians in Paul's days were arrested and executed for their faith. Paul recruited a young man named Timothy. He struggled with a timid and reserved nature. Yet Paul saw Timothy's potential. He urged Timothy to carry out his ministry without fear or shame, to boldly use the gift of preaching that the Holy Spirit gave him.

We're all sensitive to public opinion. When we serve Christ we can count on opposition. Satan isn't going to give up without a fight. Declaring our faith isn't always easy. When we do we have a positive effect on others. None of us should be ashamed to speak about our faith in Christ.

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