

trembling...<sup>5</sup> so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power."

**2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV)** "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."

### Two Reasons For Facing Self-Doubt

Failure

Success

### Four Typical Responses To Self-Doubt

1. You can listen to your doubts.
2. You can ignore your doubts.
3. You can lie to your doubts.
4. You can tell the truth to your doubts.

### ACTING ON THE TRUTH WHEN FACING SELF-DOUBT

**Exodus 3:11 (NIV)** "But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?'"

1. TRUTH: You are influential.

**ACTION:** Be an example.

**1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV)** "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

**Five ways you are an example:**

**In speech:** the way you talk to others.

**John 15:5 (NIV)** "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing."

**Philippians 4:13 (NIV)** "I can do all this through Him who gives me strength."

3. TRUTH: You are invaluable.

**ACTION:** Use your gifts.

**2 Timothy 1:6 (NIV)** "For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands."

**1 Timothy 4:13-14 (NIV)** "Until I come, devote yourself to the reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. <sup>14</sup> Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the brothers and elders laid their hands on you."

Imitator

Spectator

Participant

**1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)** "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in various forms."

4. TRUTH: You are incomplete.

**ACTION:** Decide to grow.

**2 Peter 3:18 (NIV)** "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen."

**1 Timothy 4:15 (NIV)** "Be diligent in these matters; give yourself to them, so that everyone may see your progress."

**Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)** "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."