

1 Timothy

CHAPTER 1:12-20

Lesson 2

In this section, Paul appears to be *exceedingly* touched by God's mercy and grace in his life. After reminding Timothy of God's call upon his own life, Paul moves to reminding Timothy of God's call upon him to *wage the good warfare*. As we read of Paul's reminders, may we be reminded of the *warfare* set before us and *wage it well*.

Read 1 Timothy 1:12-20

1. Read through this week's verses using at least two different Bible translations or paraphrases. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they are about?
2. Write the contrasting word, *but*, and record what is being contrasted.
3. Consider the references to *Jesus*. List some truths declared about Him in this section.

Read 1 Timothy 1:12,13

1. Using verse 12, list the three things that Jesus did for Paul.
2. Using verse 13, describe Paul's life before he *obtained mercy*.
3. *Ministry* can be translated as service. What service has God called you to?
4. What are your thoughts as you see that God *enables* us to do the service He call us to?
 - a. Record the precious promise of 1 Thessalonians 5:24.
 - b. History records Paul as a self-sufficient Pharisee. Why is self-sufficiency as much of a hindrance to *ministry* as feelings of inadequacies?
5. Write the requirement for *ministry* using 1 Corinthians 4:2.
 - a. Ponder this requirement and renew your commitment to be *faithful* in all God has called you to. Ask the Lord where you are falling short.
6. Paul did not excuse his past behavior. Define the word *insolent*.
 - a. Reflect upon how you would describe yourself before *mercy*. How does seeing Paul's list encourage you?

Read 1 Timothy 1:14

1. Using verse 14, describe the *grace of our Lord*.
 - a. In your own words, define the phrase *exceedingly abundant*.

- 1.) Paul used this phrase in Ephesians 3:20. What did he proclaim?
 - a.) What does this mean to you?

2. Paul was not saved because his actions were done *ignorantly*; it was the *exceedingly abundant grace of the Lord*. What are some things God's *exceedingly abundant grace* has done to change your life?
 - a. What is the assurance of Romans 5:20 that the Lord is able to cover any sin that we have committed?

3. God's grace is basked in *faith and love*. How are these words contrary to Paul's *former actions* as described in 1 Timothy 1:13?
 - a. Who is the source of *faith and love*?

4. According to 1 Corinthians 15:10, how did Paul react to God's *grace*?
 - a. How does this personally challenge you?

Read 1 Timothy 1:15-17

1. *This is a faithful saying...* Paul used this phrase four times in his letters to Timothy. Record the other three.

1 Timothy 3:1

1 Timothy 4:8,9

2 Timothy 2:11

a. Everything in God's word is a *faithful saying*. Why do you think Paul chose to use these words?

2. Write the *faithful saying that is worthy of all acceptance* from 1 Timothy 1:15.

a. What did Jesus declare about His purpose in Matthew 18:11?

3. Paul viewed himself as the *chief of sinners*. Take note of the glorious word he used to describe himself in 1 Timothy 1:16. What is it?

a. Why did Paul *obtain mercy*?

b. Jesus desires to show *His longsuffering* in us and through us to others. He desires that we be a *pattern* to all those who think they are beyond His *mercy*. Paul rejoiced in the fact that he, as the *chief sinner*, could be used to encourage all others. Pause for a moment and thank Him for His *longsuffering* towards you.

1.) Describe God's *longsuffering*.

4. Using verse 17, describe God.

a. Choose one of the words and define it.

b. What does it mean to you to give God *honor and glory*?

Read 1 Timothy 1:18-20

1. In verse 18, Paul *charged* Timothy to *wage the good warfare*. Fill in the blanks to complete the phrase Timothy was reminded of.

according to the _____ previously made concerning _____.

2. Paul reminded Timothy to consider what the Holy Spirit had said to him through others in the past. What does 1 Corinthians 14:3 teach about *prophecies*?

a. Why should we value this gift?

b. Why do you think Paul reminded Timothy and *charged* him?

c. In what ways can words from others be an encouragement to *wage the good warfare*?

1.) What is an example of *warfare* in your life?

3. According to verse 19, what are two tools of *waging the good warfare*?

a. How do these two attributes enable us to remain in the face of a battle and fight well?

4. Verse 20 mentions two men who rejected these tools for warfare and instead *blasphemed*. What did Paul say he did?

a. The phrase *delivered to Satan* often refers to a removal from the church to the world, Satan's domain. What did Paul say about *Hymenaeus* in 2 Timothy 2:17,18?

1.) Why is it important that those behaving like this be removed from the church?

Review 1 Timothy 1:12-20

1. In what ways were you personally challenged by these verses?
 2. Much of Paul's emphasis in this section of 1 Timothy seems to be using himself as an example to Timothy of the many reasons Paul should have been ineligible for ministry. Yet, *grace enabled him*. What can you learn from this to apply to your life?

*Then He who sat on the throne said,
"Behold, I make all things new."*

And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."
- Revelation 21:5