

## 1 Timothy 1:12-14

### *A Testimony of Divine Mercy*

#### Grateful for Christ's Mercy in Service (vv. 12-13a)

- Strengthened to Serve (v. 12a)
  
- Entrusted to Serve (v. 12b)
  
- Appointed to Serve (v. 12c)
  
- Unworthy to Serve (v. 13a)

#### Grateful for Christ's Mercy in Salvation (vv. 13b-14)

- Shown Mercy (v. 13b)
  
- Received Grace (v. 14)

## Application of 1 Tim 1:12-14

1. Think about and write out your own testimony of God's saving grace in your life, including (if remember) what you were before coming to Christ, the moment you came to Christ, and how God has since continued to transform your life. Pray for an opportunity to share your testimony with people this week (both to encourage believers and witness to unbelievers)
  
2. As you reflect on God's work in your life, take time to thank Him for His mercy and grace and the undeserved privilege to serve Him.
  
3. In what way does Paul's testimony of Christ strengthening, entrusting, and appointing him for service (though he was unworthy) encourage and challenge you as you consider serving the Lord?
  
4. In what ways has God called you to serve Him at work, in the home, at church, and in the community? How has He strengthened you for this work (e.g. spiritual gifts, the Word of God)
  
5. What doubts may you have about your ability or challenges you're facing to faithfully serve the Lord? Ask God to forgive you for any lack of faith and ask for the faith to trust Him in providing all that's needed to accomplish what He's called you to do.
  
6. Reflect on and thank Christ for the truth of God's mercy (see for example, 1 Tim 1:16; Titus 3:3-7; Eph 2:1-9; Rom 11:30-31; 15:9) and grace (Eph 2:1-9; Rom 3:24; 2 Tim 1:9; Titus 2:11; Acts 15:11) in salvation.

Reading this week: Read the testimony of another Christian this week. Read chapter 1 of 1 Timothy and follow Paul's train of thought throughout this chapter (including his encouragement to Timothy and the contrast between false and faithful teaching/teachers)

## Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
	<i>A T _____ of D _____ M _____</i>	
<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Grateful for Christ's Mercy in Service (vv. 12-13a)</u>	
	- S _____ to S _____ (v. 12a)	
	- E _____ to S _____ (v. 12b)	
	- A _____ to S _____ (v. 12c)	
<u>Verses</u>	- U _____ to S _____ (v. 13a)	
	<u>Grateful for Christ's Mercy in Salvation (vv. 13b-14)</u>	
	- Shown M _____ (v. ____ b)	
	- Received G _____ (v. ____)	

### Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Church	Grace	Mercy	Paul	Serve/Service

What is the message about? \_\_\_\_\_

How can you do this? \_\_\_\_\_

What/who can you pray for? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture related to the message: