

GOD IS THE STRENGTH OF OUR HEART - 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

In today's text Paul, perhaps the greatest Christian and missionary, explains that he is a _____ to follow as one *enabled by the Lord* to _____. These encouraging words were a great blessing to Timothy as he was young and felt unqualified for the pastoral work in Ephesus. This is certainly not an unfamiliar sentiment to any pastor or active church member as we all feel inadequate at times. Here the apostle's words resonate in our _____ for we too can experience the same victories God wrought in his life.

1. Our thankfulness - 1 Timothy 1:12-15

a. Enabled by God - verse 12

- Counted Paul _____
- Put Paul in the ministry

b. Accepted by God - verses 13-14

- Exceeding abundant in _____
- Exceeding abundant with _____
- Exceeding abundant with _____ - Ro. 8:35-39; Eph. 2:7

c. Saved by God - verse 15

- Our most important responsibility
Spreading the glorious _____ - verse 11
- If God can _____ a sinner like Paul, he can use anyone
Blasphemer, persecutor and injurious

2. Our pattern – 1 Timothy 1:16

a. In salvation

- If God can give _____ to a sinner like Paul, anyone can get saved

b. In the trials, temptations, persecutions, troubles, reproaches and infirmities that come _____
salvation – Acts 9:16; 1 Cor. 4:8-14; 2 Cor. 1:6-7; 12:9-10; Phil. 3:10; Col. 1:24

3. Our purpose – 1 Timothy 1:17

a. Passion toward the person of God

b. Passion for bringing _____ to God