

# Enabled to Serve Faithfully!

Grace Bible Chapel

Study of 1 Timothy 1:12-16

June 28th, 2026

**Context:** We continue in this Pastoral Epistle knowing the instruction is essential for every child of God in their service to the Lord. In this letter Paul demonstrated his deep concern by addressing false teaching at the letter's opening (chapter 1:3-11). Paul will now use himself as an example of what it means to be transformed and called of God into the ministry. His purpose is to contrast what God has done in Him and will do for all born from above from those merely religious. He draws a distinction by his message of grace as compared to the false teachers, and their "fruitless discussions" (Vs. 6) with emphasis upon the law. Paul describes how Christ came to save sinners, not those who consider themselves righteous, and that salvation by grace is a glorious transforming work seen in faithfulness. God saved Paul as an exhibit of His power being perfected in man's weakness and sinful condition. The underlying theme of this section is the need for ministry faithfulness. Only those born again and called to minister are enabled to be faithful.

## Outline of 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy (underlined portion is the immediate context)

- I. Introduction (1:1-2):
  - A. Instruction source (1:1)
  - B. Instruction recipient (1:2)
- II. Charge to Maintain Truth (1:3-11)
- III. Commanded to Faithfully Serve (1:12-20)

### Key Words

- Christ Jesus (4)
- Faithful (2)
- Abundant
- Strengthened
- Grace

#### I. Introduction:

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#### A. Chosen to be Faithful (1:12)

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#### B. Contrasted and Transformed (1:13)

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#### c. Condescending Enabling Grace (1:14 - 16)

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