



The Steward's Testimony

Lesson Six • 1 Timothy 1:12-17

The Steward's Trust in 1 Timothy 1:3-20

The STEWARD'S TASK	The STEWARD'S TESTIMONY	The STEWARD'S TRUST
From the Master to Paul to Timothy (1:3-11)	By Paul (1:12-17)	To Timothy (1:18-20)

The Apostle Paul's Salvation Story Is Told 6 Times in the New Testament.

His conversion and commissioning is **recorded** by Luke (Acts 9:1-19); **retold** by Paul 2 times (Acts 22:3-21; 26:4-18); and **repeated** 3 more times by Paul (Maturity Letter: Galatians 1:11-17; Ministry Letter: Philippians 3:3-10; Multiply Letter: 1 Timothy 1:12-17).

The Testimony of a Transformed Life

1. STRENGTHENED to Be Faithful in God's Service.

"I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service," (v. 12)

The glorious gospel does not merely save you in the past but strengthens you in the present to serve the LORD for the rest of your life!

- Be **THANKFUL**: The Lord Jesus not only saves you but strengthens you for service.

"I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me..." (v. 12)

- Be **HUMBLE**: The Lord Jesus knows you inside and out and still wants you to serve Him.

"because He considered me faithful..." (v. 12)

"God does not choose anyone who is worthy, but in choosing him renders him worthy." – Augustine

1 Corinthians 7:25; 15:10; Philippians 2:12-13

- Be **FAITHFUL**: The Lord Jesus has placed you and enabled you to actively serve Him and His household.

"Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy." 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

The Lord Strengthened Paul

In his **maturity** years (Acts 9:19, 22); his **ministry** years (Philippians 4:13); and his **multiplying** years (2 Timothy 2:1-2; 4:17).

2. TRANSFORMED to Be a Trophy of God's Grace.

"even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief; and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus." (vv. 13-14)

Paul's Life Before Christ

- **BLASPHEMER** of the Lord Jesus Christ! Acts 26:9, 11a
- **PERSECUTOR** of the Lord's Church! Acts 22:4; Galatians 1:13; 1 Corinthians 15:9
- **TORTURER** with a proud, brutal heart! Acts 8:3; 9:1; 26:11b; Philippians 3:6

How Paul Was Saved by Christ

- By God freely showing **MERCY** (vv. 13, 16) and freely giving **GRACE** in Christ Jesus. (v. 14)

Paul was saved like every sinner is saved: According to the Gospel alone by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone for God's glory alone! 2 Timothy 1:13

3. **BEMERCIED** to Be a Model of God's Longsuffering.

"It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life." (vv. 15-16)

Paul's Life After by Christ

- Never forgot Jesus is a great **SAVIOR** and he is a great **SINNER**. (v. 15)
- Became a model of God's amazing longsuffering toward sinners for **FUTURE** generations. (v. 16)

Mercy is best demonstrated when it is shown to the worst of sinners!

4. **SAVED** to Be a Singer of God's Glory!

"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen." (v. 17)

Three Doxologies in 1 Timothy: Beginning (1:11, 17); Middle (3:16); and End (6:15b-16)!

"I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I want to be, I am not what I hope to be in another world; but still I am not what I once used to be, and by the grace of God I am what I am."

"Although my memory's fading, I remember two things very clearly: I am a great sinner and Christ is a great Savior." – John Newton, Author of the hymn, "Amazing Grace"

The Steward's Testimony: The Gospel Transformed My Life and It Can Transform Yours as Well!

*What is your story? Have you shared it recently? What is your song? Do you sing it daily?
Are you saved and serving the King?*

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