

I Timothy 1:12-20
The Heart of a Disciple

GRATITUDE (12) – giving thanks to God

He has given me strength (Psalm 28:7)
He has considered me faithful
He has appointed me to His service (Psalm 84:10-11)

HONESTY (13) – acknowledging who we are (or were – I Corinthians 6:9-11)

I was a blasphemer (God works in spite of me, not because of me)
I was a persecutor (Ability or Availability? – Exodus 4:11-12)
I was a violent man (His work is impossible without Him – John 15:5)

HUMILITY (13-16) – acknowledging the source of anything good in me (James 1:17)

It is because of His mercy (Titus 3:4-5)
 I acted in ignorance
 I acted in unbelief
It is because of His grace (Ephesians 2:4-5)
 Abundantly given to me
 Along with the faith and love that are in Christ
It is because of His truth – HE CAME TO SAVE SINNERS (Luke 19:10)
 The chief of sinners shown mercy
 The hope for sinners
 Showing Christ's unlimited patience (Hebrews 9:27)
 Salvation for those who believe (beware hard-hearts – II Chron. 36:16)

PRAISE (17) – responding to His gospel (Romans 3:27; 11:33-35 / Ephesians 2:6-7)

Exalting the King – who is eternal, immortal and invisible!
Exalting the only God – to whom honor and glory are due forever!

FAITHFUL (18-20) – fighting the good fight (Jude 3)

Adhering to the truth (II Timothy 4:1-2)
 Following your call (Acts 20:24)
 Faith and a good conscience maintained
Avoiding shipwreck (Acts 20:30)

Discussion questions for I Timothy 1:12-20

In this passage, Paul describes 5 attributes of himself. Why are each of these attributes important for a disciple of Christ?

GRATITUDE: (Psalm 100:4 / Luke 17:15-19 / II Corinthians 9:11-15)

HONESTY: (Hebrews 4:12-13 / Proverbs 6:16-17 / Ephesians 4:14-15)

HUMILITY: (James 4:6-10 / Proverbs 16:18-19 / Philippians 2:3-5 / I Corinthians 1:26-31; 4:6-7)

PRAISE: (Hebrews 13:15 / Revelation 4:11 / Psalm 145:3 / I Peter 2:9)

FAITHFULNESS: (I Corinthians 4:2 / Luke 16:10-12 / Matthew 25:21 / II Timothy 2:11-13)