

1 Timothy 1:11-20

1 Timothy 1:15b-16 ...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.

Begin with prayer. Ask the Lord to speak to you through His Holy Spirit. Use your Bible for the answers.

Day 1 ***Discover the information***-Read 1 Timothy 11-13

1. With what was Paul entrusted?
2. Read Romans 1:15-17. How does Paul describe the gospel?
3. What does Paul thank Christ Jesus for?
4. In verse 1, Paul describes himself as an apostle. How does he describe himself in verse 13?
5. Use a dictionary to define “blaspheme”. Why did Paul call himself a blasphemer? (See Acts 26:9-20)

Day 2 Read 1 Tim 1:13-16

1. Why was Paul shown mercy? (vs 13 and 14)
2. Why did Jesus come into the world? (vs 15) How does Paul describe himself in this verse?
3. According to verse 16, why did Jesus save him? Read also Romans 5:8
4. In verse 16, Paul says that Jesus has “perfect patience”. What do you learn about God’s patience in the verses below?
~Psalm 86:15

~2 Peter 3:8-9

5. Write out your memory verse (1Tim 1:15b-16) here. Practice reciting it a few times each day.

Day 3 Read 1 Tim 1:17

1. Reflecting on God's graciousness towards him, Paul writes a verse of praise. Write out verse 17 below.

2. Read Romans 11:33-36. Again, Paul writes some verses of praise to God. Write out as many things as you see for which Paul praises God.

3. Read Galatians 1: 3-5. What does Paul praise God for here?

4. Psalm 92:1 says, "*It is good to give thanks to the LORD And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High*". Take some time to write a verse of your own praise to the Lord for what He has done in your life.

Day 4 Read 1 Tim 1:18-20

1. What command did Paul give to Timothy? vs 18

2. What does Paul urge Timothy to do in verses 18 and 19a? Read James 4:7 and 1Peter 5:8-9, how do these verses instruct us?

3. What caused some to suffer a "faith shipwreck"? Look up the word rudder. What is a "rudder" that God gives us to prevent a faith shipwreck?

4. Who is mentioned in verse 20? What action did Paul take? What was the purpose of this?
See also 1 Corinthians 5:5

Day 5 *Personal Application*

Our Bible study is not over until we apply what we have learned to our everyday lives. And lest we underestimate the value of this last step, remember that in God's eyes it is the person who does not just know His Word, but also obeys His Word that truly loves Him (see John 14:21).

1. What part of the lesson stood out most to you and why?
2. What area of your life has been most affected by what you've learned this week?
3. After praying to God for conviction and insight, what concrete changes do you feel you should make this week?
4. What exactly will you do differently this week than last week—get specific and be realistic!
5. Is there someone you know who needs to hear the truths you have learned this week? Will you pray and ask the Lord for boldness and love to share it with that individual?

Be prepared to share the memory verse with your group.