

PAUL TO A "T"  
**1 TIMOTHY 1:12-20**

**Pray** and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

**Read** the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

**Begin** to answer the questions using your own words.

*Questions are based on New International Version (NIV) 1984 edition.*

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**Lesson 12 • 1 Timothy 1:12-20 • January 18, 2012**

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **1 Timothy 1:1-11** has been helpful to you?

**SECTION I: Read 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

2. a) For what things is Paul thankful in **V12**?
- b) For what did Paul need to be strengthened? Look back to **V11b**.
3. a) How does Paul describe what he once was and how he once acted in **V13**? Read **Acts 8:3** and **Acts 9:1-2** for some background.
- b) Who were you, and what were you like, before you were shown the mercy of God?
- c) How does it encourage you to know that Paul's past did not disqualify him from serving God?
4. a) What was shown to Paul in **V13** and poured out to him in **V14**?

4. b) How were mercy and grace each uniquely displayed in Paul's life, given the context of **V11-14**?
5. a) In **V15**, what trustworthy saying deserves full acceptance?
- b) In **V15-16**, from what are sinners saved and what do they receive? **John 3:16-18, 36** will give you some additional insight.
6. a) In your own words, why was Paul shown mercy according to **V16**?
- b) Who in your life has been the closest example of the unlimited patience of Jesus?
- c) What do you learn about the Lord's patience from **2 Peter 3:9, 15**?
7. Paul praises the God he knows and loves in **V17**. What are the names and attributes of God that Paul desires to honor?

**SECTION II: Read 1 Timothy 1:18-20**

8. According to **V18-19**, what is the purpose of Paul's instruction to Timothy?
9. What do the words "fight the good fight" tell you about the nature of the Christian walk? See **2 Corinthians 10:3-6**.
10. a) What do you learn about how God's will was revealed to Timothy from **V18**?

10. b) Share about a time when God's will for you has been revealed or confirmed by others in your life.

11. a) From **V19-20**, who did Paul hand over to Satan and why?

b) *Challenge Question*: What do you think it meant for Paul to hand these men over to Satan?

12. Write a prayer of intercession for those you sense have "shipwrecked their faith" or may be headed in that direction.

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### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read **Philippians 3:4b-6** and contrast how Paul once viewed himself versus how he views himself in **1 Timothy 1:15-16**.

2. It is important to recognize "trustworthy sayings" like the one in **1 Timothy 1:15**, since false teaching and false messages permeate our culture. From the following verses, jot down different facets that line up with the trustworthy saying that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners":

Psalms 51:5 \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 130:3-4 \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 9:9-13 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 5:8 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Corinthians 5:21 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 2:24 \_\_\_\_\_

1 John 1:8-9 \_\_\_\_\_

