

Inspiring Christlikeness
1 Timothy 1:12-17

10/15/23

5. Read verse v5 and discuss. See also v14, *our Lord's grace was abundant, bringing faith and love in Christ Jesus* (NET).

MAIN POINT: INSPIRE Christlikeness

1. How did Sunday's message challenge or encourage you?
2. What does the word "inspire" bring to mind? What describes an inspiring person?
3. Do you think Jesus should be inspiring to His followers? How do you find Jesus inspiring? Discuss ways that we can cultivate that inspiration?
4. In the background of 1 Timothy 1:3-11, some Ephesian Christians have turned to the Law, and away from God's grace, the *glorious gospel*, entrusted to Paul (v11).

6. Read v16. Discuss Paul's awareness of being an example of God's grace.

How can imitating Christ, inspire us to be an example of Christ's grace rather than a dutiful obligation of performance without joy and spirit?

Why are we Christians, who are saved by grace, quick to accept God's grace but struggle to live by grace and slow to show it? How can imitating Christ keep us in reliance upon God's grace in Christ?

How does Paul's "testimony" in v12-16, his vibrant awareness of his unworthiness and God's great grace and mercy, show us?

What do you find remarkable about Paul's "testimony" to Timothy?