

Key Scriptures:

2 Timothy 3:10-14

1 Corinthians 11:1

1 Corinthians 15:9-10

Acts 7:57-8:3

2 Corinthians 4:15

Romans 5:20-6:1

Hebrews 10:26

Matthew 5:14-16

James 5:20

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As we continue to consider the gifts we have been given by God, we return to and conclude our series that has us considering our position(s) in the congregation. Do we stand in front of the congregation in a visible, teaching, worship facilitating role? Do we stand in the middle, working either visibly or behind the scenes to complete the many tasks of the church? Or do we stand behind the congregation in a supportive/mentoring role? Today we see what that means.

As those who stand behind the congregation, we:

1. ____ a ____ for the Present.

1 Timothy 1:12 NIV

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service.

2. ____ from the Past.

1 Timothy 1:13-14 NIV

Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.



3. ____ the ____ for the Future.

1 Timothy 1:16 NIV

But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

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CHALLENGE:

As you learn more about these three positions, consider where you fit! Is there perhaps someone here you begin a mentoring role with?