

### **General Study Questions:**

1. Paul shared his testimony in his writings and teachings many times, including in this passage. Why? How might sharing your testimony be a blessing to you, to others, and to God?
2. God appointed Paul for service. In what ways has God appointed you to serve Him? What steps might you take for greater service? (In your home or at church)
3. Paul lists several attributes of God in this passage. How have you seen God display these attributes in your life? What attributes would you add as you consider your own personal testimony?
4. Paul's desire was for others to believe in Jesus for eternal life. Who are people you'd like to see come to faith in Jesus? How can you pray for and reach out to them?

### **Study Questions from The Text:**

1. Why does Paul thank Jesus in 1 Timothy 1:12-14?  
How might you adapt that attitude in your own personal life?

In what ways did Paul's previous life apart from Christ resemble the false teachers Timothy must confront? Compare 1 Timothy 1:6-7, 20; 6:3-5.

2. Why did Paul receive mercy, according to 1 Timothy 1:12-13?  
How does Paul's appointment as an apostle showcase the great grace and extraordinary patience of Jesus Christ (1:16)?

What is your personal testimony and how might you describe it others? Is your focus on how terrible you were or on how great of a savior you have? What's the proper balance?

3. 1 Timothy 1:15 is the first of several "trustworthy sayings" found in Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus. Look up 1 Timothy 3:1; 4:9; 2 Timothy 2:11; and Titus 3:8. What do these sayings emphasize about the gospel and godly leadership in the church? How does this influence you and your life?