

HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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On Guard! Protecting My Relationship With God #2

"Intentionally Remembering God's Grace In My Life"

1 Timothy 1:12-20

1 Timothy 1:12-20 (NIV) ¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

¹⁸ Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, ¹⁹ holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith. ²⁰ Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.

• The good news of the message of Christianity: _____

Elements of grace we need to remember:

1. The _____ of grace. Vs. 12

John 1:16-17 (NIV) ¹⁶ From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:23-24 (NLT) ²³ For all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard. ²⁴ Yet now God in his gracious kindness declares us not guilty. He has done this through Christ Jesus, who has freed us by taking away our sins.

John 15:5 (NIV) I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

2. My _____ for grace. Vs. 13

Acts 9:1-2 (NIV) **Acts 26:9-11 (NLT)**

3. The _____ of grace. Vs. 13

Romans 5:20 (NCV) The law came to make sin worse. But when sin grew worse, God's grace increased.

4. The _____ of grace. Vs. 14

5. The _____ of grace. Vs. 15-16

Luke 19:10 (NIV) For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

6. My _____ to grace. Vs. 17-20

John 4:23 (NLT) But the time is coming and is already here when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for anyone who will worship him that way.

How to "fight the good fight":

• Hold on to _____

• Hold on to _____

June memory verse: 1 Timothy 6:6-7 (NIV) ⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.