



January 11, 2015 – Discussion Questions
1 Timothy 1:12-20 – The Gospel and True Faith, Pt 2
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Describe your spiritual journey in 3 or 4 words. The Apostle Paul's testimony in the latter half of 1 Timothy 1 may be summarized in 3 words.

I. SINNER

Paul knew himself to be a sinner.

Describe Paul's life before conversion (v.13)

- a) Blasphemer – What does it mean to “blaspheme?”
- b) Persecutor – The word “martyr” means “witness.” Why do some Christians have to die for their faith?
- c) Violent Man

Look up Acts 8:57-9:3. What do you think motivated Saul?

Paul describes himself as the “worst” of sinners. How does the Holy Spirit convince us of our sin? Read John 16:5-11.

II. SAVIOUR

Who is Christ Jesus?

- a) A show-er of mercy (v.13). Why do sinners need God's mercy?
- b) A supplier of grace, faith and love (v.14). What is grace?
- c) A Saviour of sinners – Why did Christ Jesus come into the world? (v.15) Why do we celebrate the BIRTH of Jesus Christ? Why do we celebrate and remember His death?
- d) A displayer of unlimited patience (v.16). How has Christ shown His patience in your life?

III. SERVANT

What did Jesus Christ appoint Paul to do? (v.1,12)

How are you serving Jesus Christ in 2015?

How have you experienced Christ's strength while serving?

IV. SHIPWRECK

What happens to those who do not keep an active faith and a good conscience?

What does it mean to shipwreck your faith?

The Contemporary English Version states “Some people have made a mess of their faith because they didn't listen to their consciences.”

The Amplified Bible translates verse 19 “holding fast to faith” (as that leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence). Pray for yourself and others that this will be true in 2015!