

Message Notes

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Bible Focus: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Current Series: Think Biblically

Message Title: I Don't Deserve This

1 Timothy 1:12-17 - *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 for ever and ever. Amen.*

1. I wanted _____

2. Jesus gave _____

3. I'm giving _____

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Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1 Timothy 1:12-17

1. When you think about getting something you didn't deserve, what comes to mind?
2. How can an "attitude of gratitude" keep you from a spirit of entitlement?
3. If you're a Christ-follower, how did the law come into play in revealing your sin before coming to faith in Jesus?
4. How have you used the law to help unbelievers see their need for a Savior?
5. In light of this message's "I don't deserve this" focus, what value is there in identifying the undeserved salvation gifts God gives?
6. How are you giving God what He deserves when it comes to ongoing thanks, full acceptance, and heartfelt adoration?
7. What can you do to keep from taking God for granted, or letting your relationship grow stale?