

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study

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1 Timothy 1:12-17

1. What does Paul say that Christ Jesus has done for him, according to verses 12-14?
 - a. Given him strength.
 - b. Considered him trustworthy, appointing him to His service.
 - c. Shown him mercy.
 - d. Poured out His grace on him.

2. Why did Christ consider Paul trustworthy, according to verses 13?
 - a. Because he was a pretty good guy.
 - b. Because of His grace that he poured out on him abundantly.
 - c. Because Christ was giving him strength...Christ's trust is never in us by ourselves, but in who we can be with His strength.
 - d. Because Paul was no longer the person that He once was...He had repented and God's grace had changed Him (See also Titus 2:11-14).

3. Do you think God considers you trustworthy? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____

4. What does Paul tell Timothy is a trustworthy saying, according to 1:15?
 - a. What goes around comes around.
 - b. Don't eat yellow snow.
 - c. Christ came into the world to save sinners.
 - d. ...of whom I am the worst.

5. How is this different from how most people think of themselves?
 - a. I think most of us would agree...Paul's the worst.
 - b. If you ask most of us who the worst sinner is, we have somebody else in mind.

6. What do you think Paul means when he says that this is a trustworthy saying?
 - a. It is a saying that, if any of us said it, it would be true.
 - b. It is a saying that, if we are to be all that God wants us to be, we must first accept and remember.

7. What did Paul mean by saying that he was the worst of sinners?
 - a. He was partying it up between preaching stops.
 - b. The things that he had done before knowing Christ were terrible and unthinkable.
 - c. He recognized his need for Christ every day.

8. Why does Paul feel like Christ chose him to show mercy?
 - a. Because he wasn't as bad as everybody else around him.
 - b. Because of all of his gifts.
 - c. Because he was the worst of sinners.
 - d. Because if God could use Paul, he could save and use anybody. The best testimony is when God does amazing things through people who were no good without him. If we think we were something without him, it reduces the effectiveness of the testimony. If we settle for less than God's best once we have him, it reduces the effectiveness of the testimony.

9. Why did Christ choose you? _____

10. Do you show the same "immense patience" with others as he has shown with you? Yes_____ No_____ Explain. _____