

God's Choosing and Using of Paul (1 Timothy 1:12-14)

1:1-7 – God assigns leaders to oversee teachers and teaching.

1:8-11 – God requires the clear, accurate teaching of His Word.

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¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me,	1. Paul's _____ by Jesus <i>a. Empowered by Jesus</i> <i>b. Strengthened / enabled (ability)</i>
because He regarded me faithful ,	2. Paul's _____ by Jesus <i>a. Considered faithful by Jesus</i> <i>b. Proven faithful over time</i>
• <i>His Previous Training (Acts 22:3)</i> • <i>His Conversion (Acts 9:1-18; 22:4-20; 26:8-18)</i> • <i>His Training (~3 years; Acts 9:19-23; 26:20a; Gal 1:15-18a)</i> • <i>His Meeting with Apostles (Acts 9:24-29; Gal 1:18b-19)</i> • <i>His Seasoning (~9 years obscure ministry; Gal 1:21-24)</i> • <i>His Retrieval by Barnabas (Acts 11:25-26)</i>	
putting me into service,	3. Paul's _____ by Jesus <i>a. Jesus' action – placed</i> <i>b. Paul's place – ministry</i>
¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor.	4. Paul's Former _____ <i>a. Blasphemer</i> <i>b. Persecutor (murderer)</i> <i>c. Violent aggressor</i>
Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief ;	5. Paul's _____ by Jesus <i>a. Jesus showed Paul mercy</i> <i>b. Because of Paul's ignorance</i> <i>c. Because of Paul's unbelief</i>
¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.	6. Paul's _____ for God <i>a. The overflowing grace of the Lord</i> <i>b. The belief and love which is in Christ Jesus</i>