



¹² And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry

- Attitude of gratitude
- How to get back your joy
- How was Paul “put into the ministry”?
- A pastor’s desire – faithful & ending well
- How about you in YOUR ministry?

13 although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man ;but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.14 And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

- Penitence
- Accepting
- Praising
- God's provision
- Mercy and Grace (no great gifting)

The Difference b/w Mercy and Grace

Mercy • Not receiving the judgment we deserve

Grace • God's favor toward us that we do not deserve

15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

- **The purpose of Jesus**
- **The humility of the teacher – how important are titles?**
- **Wednesday night dinner**
- **The order of things**
- **Having the right self-image**

16 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me, first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

***Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.***

18 This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,

Remembering the battle:

*10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
(Ephesians 6:10-13 NKJV)*

19 having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, 20 of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

- Finishing well
- A Shipwrecked Faith

Analysis of a Shipwreck

- 1. Bad Intel**
- 2. Disregarding Intel**
- 3. Oblivious of surroundings**
- 4. Losing critical contact**
- 5. No cooperation in the crew –
Captain goes it alone**
- 6. Loss of precious cargo**

Final Words

- **Staying in the word.**
- **Engaging in prayer.**
- **Resisting the devil.**
- **Putting on the New Man.**
- **Presenting yourself as a living sacrifice.**
- **Not being conformed to the world.**
- **Being transformed by the renewing of your mind.**
- **IN SHORT, NEVER GIVE UP. NEVER SURRENDER.
HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU OR FORSAKE YOU.**
- **Have an eternal perspective to such a degree you
can look forward to heaven.**