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18 Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, 19 holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith. 20 Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme. NIV

Paul's personal testimony...1:12-17

What does Paul declare about himself relative to the Lord Jesus? 1:12; ICor.15:10; Acts 9:15

What does Paul find so astounding in this? 1:13a; Acts 8:3, 9:1-2, 26-27

What was true of Paul before his conversion? 1:13b Comment? Acts 3:17, 26:9; Matt.10:5-15

How does he describe what happened on the road to Damascus? 1:14; IICor.8:9

As Paul continues his testimony what does he quote? 1:15; Rom.5:8-10; ICor.15:9; Eph.3:8

And yet, how does this lavish grace glorify Christ? 1:16; Heb.7:25; IJn.5:11-12

So from this, Who gets all the glory and honor?? 1:17; 6:15-16; Col.1:15; Jude 25; Rev.5:9-14

Be a good soldier in the war...1:18-20

What does Paul now command Timothy? 1:18a; 4:14, 6:13-14, 20-21; IITim.2:2, 4:1-3

What war? What battle is Paul talking about? IICor.10:3-5; James 4:1-4; Eph.2:2, 6:10-20

In the fight, what are (2) things to guard diligently? 1:19a, 3:9, 4:6, 6:20; IITim.4:2

What is Paul's warning to Timothy? 1:19b, 4:1-2; Phil.3:17-19; IJn.2:19

What action did Paul have to take with Hymenaeus and Alexander? 1:20; ICor.5:4-5

Why is 'handed over...' such a serious thing? 1:20b; ICor.7:12-14, 11:27-32; Heb.12:5-11

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Paul was once a blasphemer (speaking evil), persecutor and violent man (...sadistic).

What was true of Paul before his conversion? 1:13b Comment? Acts 3:17, 26:9; Matt.10:5-15

Paul was ignorant of the truth of Jesus Christ and acted in total unbelief.

How does he describe what happened on the road to Damascus? 1:14; IICor.8:9

Jesus poured out grace on him! Lavishly! Along w/faith and love; in Christ Jesus! Amen

As Paul continues his testimony what does he quote? 1:15; Rom.5:8-10; ICor.15:9; Eph.3:8

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the worst! Proverb...

And yet, how does this lavish grace glorify Christ? 1:16; Heb.7:25; IJn.5:11-12

Christ displays His unlimited patience to Paul as the example to us future sinners!

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It all goes to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, for ever & ever. Amen!

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Keep these instructions. The task is divinely assigned to you! Soldier the good warfare!

What war? What battle is Paul talking about? IICor.10:3-5; James 4:1-4; Eph.2:2, 6:10-20

We're in a spiritual war. Against our sinful nature, sinful world system, Satan's army.

In this battle what are (2) things to guard diligently? 1:19a, 3:9, 4:6, 6:20; IITim.4:2

Be sure to hold on to (the) faith (Eph.2:8-9) and a good conscience (guilt free living)...

What is Paul's warning to Timothy? 1:19b, 4:1-2; Phil.3:17-19; IJn.2:19

Some have rejected these instructions and thus shipwrecked their faith! Devastating!

What action did Paul have to take with Hymenaeus and Alexander? 1:20; ICor.5:4-5

He handed them over to Satan. He kicked them out of the church for their discipline.

Why is 'handed over...' such a serious thing? 1:20b; ICor.7:12-14, 11:27-32; Heb.12:5-11

For believers, it's out of the fellowship of God and into the trials from Satan. Repent!