

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service.

1 Timothy 1:12 (NIV)

Appointing Me

So you think that you have been set aside? In your mind you are on the shelf and unable to be used by me? Your weakness and failures have made you damaged goods that I can't or won't use again, is that what you think? That's about right. About right? No, exactly right.

Is that really the way that you think that I operate? Is there no forgiveness? Is there no restoration? Who could ever live up to such a standard? It's a sin to even think that you or anyone could live a sinless life. You are a sinner. You have sinned. You will sin again. Yes, I know that for certain. Everyone else is also a sinner that has sinned and will sin again. There is no forgiveness, cleansing and restoration from sin apart from my Son who bled and died on the cross for you. Yes and for that I am eternally grateful and thankful.

So what's this business about you being on the shelf and unusable to me? Where do you think that idea came from? I will give you a clue. It does not come from me. Is my Son's death on the cross so weak and powerless that He can't restore you to serve me in ministry? No, certainly not. No, certainly not what?

Your son, Jesus Christ who bled and died on the cross for me has forgiven and cleansed me of all my sins. **Yes, He has!**

Your son, Jesus Christ has made me able to serve you. He has given me His strength and appointed me into His service. **Yes, He has!**

Your son, Jesus Christ will help me to be faithful to serve you and bear fruit for your kingdom and your glory. **Yes, He will!**

The idea that I am on the shelf, have been set aside or am unusable by you comes from the devil and not from you. **Yes, that's the truth!**

It is your desire to use me. You have given me a ministry. I am your son. You love me. Your hand of blessing is on my life. I have found favor in your sight. You will bear an abundance of fruit in and through my life. **Now you are believing and speaking the truth!**

I give thanks to you Lord Jesus Christ for calling me and appointing me into your service.

Lord, I thought that I was set aside, on the shelf and unable to be used by you. I now know that was a lie from the devil. You have forgiven, cleansed and restored me. Thank you for calling and appointing me into your service. Amen

Gratitude *Given Me Strength*

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NIV 1 Timothy 1:12

Gratitude *Given Me Strength*

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service,

ESV 1 Timothy 1:12

Gratitude *Given Me Strength*

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work. He considered me trustworthy and appointed me to serve him,

NLT 1 Timothy 1:12

Gratitude *Enabled Me*

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

NKJV 1 Timothy 1:12

Gratitude *Strengthened Me*

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service,

NRSV 1 Timothy 1:12

Gratitude *Making Me Adequate*

I'm so grateful to Christ Jesus for making me adequate to do this work. He went out on a limb, you know, in trusting me with this ministry.

MSG 1 Timothy 1:12

Gratitude *Granted Me Strength*

I give thanks to Him Who has granted me [the needed] strength and made me able [for this], Christ Jesus our Lord, because He has judged and counted me faithful and trustworthy, appointing me to [this stewardship of] the ministry.

AMP 1 Timothy 1:12

Gratitude *Giving Me The Strength*

How thankful I am to Christ Jesus our Lord for choosing me as one of his messengers, and giving me the strength to be faithful to him,

TLB 1 Timothy 1:12

Gratitude *Strengthened Me*

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service,

NASB 1 Timothy 1:12

Gratitude *Gave Me Strength*

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who gave me strength, because he trusted me and gave me this work of serving him.

NCV 1 Timothy 1:12

Given Me Strength

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Gratitude – 1 Timothy 1:12

In Context: Read 1 Timothy 1

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: *(What is God speaking to your heart?)*

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Considering The Words: *(What words speak to your heart?)*

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Praying The Scripture: *(What prayer from your heart will you write?)*

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What It Means: *(What questions speak to your heart?)* (Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)

How has Jesus Christ's shown His unlimited patience towards you?
Why would you never be worthy of serving Jesus Christ apart from His forgiveness, cleansing and restoration?
How has Jesus Christ made you God's own child and worthy of serving Him?

What ministry has Jesus Christ called, appointed and strengthened you to do for Him?
How has Jesus Christ given you strength to do the ministry He has appointed you to do for Him?
What thanks would you like to give to Jesus Christ for being appointed into His service?
What fruit has Jesus Christ helped you to bear for His Kingdom and His glory?

Living It Out: *(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)*

Give thanks to Jesus Christ for making you able to serve Him in the ministry that He has appointed you to do for Him.

Seeing It Happen: *(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)*

Have faith that Jesus Christ has called, appointed and strengthened you to serve Him.

Get Ready To Share: *(What can you share with others from your heart?)*

Share with another person or your small group the ministry that Jesus Christ has appointed you to do for Him.

Close With Prayer: *Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

Pause And Offer Prayers Of.. With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you give thanks to the Lord for calling you and giving you strength to serve Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, thank you for calling me and giving me strength to serve you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I rely on your strength to fulfill your call on my life?
