

The Testimony of a True Minister

1 Timothy 01:12–17

1. *Christ Jesus appointed him to serve*

- a. Christ strengthened him
- b. Christ considered him trustworthy
- c. Christ forgave his terrible sins

- d. Christ poured out His grace upon him

2. *Christ saved him*

- a. Christ came to save sinners
- b. Christ has now saved the “worst” sinner

- c. Christ saved him as an example of His great mercy

3. *Christ is to be praised*

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

13 Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief.

14 The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the worst.

16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.