

# 1 Timothy 1:12-17

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- 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 on him and receive eternal life.**
- 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

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**Here's what all of this means: If you and I are at all willing to humbly and honestly look at our lives, we will be forced to conclude that we are flawed human beings. And yet we don't have to beat ourselves up. We don't have to be defensive when our weaknesses are revealed.**

Paul Tripp, Whiter Than Snow: Meditations on Sin and Mercy

**We don't have to be paralyzed by remorse and regret. We don't have to distract ourselves with busyness or drug ourselves with substances. Isn't it comforting that we can honestly face our most regretful moments and not be devastated? Isn't it amazing that we can confess that we really are sinners and be neither fearful nor depressed?**

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“Your ordinariness is not a liability; it is an asset, if you really want God to get the glory. No one is too weak, too common, too shy, too inarticulate, too disabled to do what God wants you to do with your gift.”

John Piper, Calling All Clay Pots

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