
Embracing Life in the Body of Christ / A Series in 1 Timothy

IMMENSE PATIENCE

1 Timothy 1:12-20

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Introduction: What is God's attitude toward sinners? In this passage, Paul tells us that Christ Jesus decided to make "an example" of him as a blasphemer and persecutor of the church. Yet Paul's stunning revelation is that this example was of God's "immense patience" (v 16).

Today we'll explore how the gospel of radical grace counters our tendency toward spiritual pride even as it compels us to remember our failures with something other than shame.

1. **"We are all Mrs. Turpin"—The danger of spiritual pride is a threat to all of us.**

2. **The antidote to spiritual pride is a clear-eyed awareness of our need of grace.**

3. The opposite of pride is not self-loathing. The opposite of pride is praise (*v 17*).