

**THE PEOPLE WHO EQUIP THE SAINTS  
1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17**

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Grace Bible Church

*GOD'S GREATNESS IS REVEALED WHEN HE USES SAVED SINNERS TO SERVE HIM.*

*"GOD DID NOT CALL A GERMAN SHEPHERD TO LEAD HIS PEOPLE OUT OF EGYPT. HE DID NOT ASK AN EAGER BEAVER TO BUILD THE TEMPLE. HE DID NOT DIRECT A WHALE TO MAKE FISHERS OF MEN. HE HAS USED, AND WILL ALWAYS USE, PEOPLE. SPECIFICALLY, GOD USES SINNERS WHO SIN, PHYSICALLY WEAK PEOPLE WHO ARE LIMITED IN THEIR ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES, AND SOCIAL MISFITS."*

— JONI EARECKSON TADA.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **God Who Uses Sinners to Serve Him (vv. 12-14)**

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **the God Who Uses Sinners to Serve Him (v. 15)**

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **When God Uses Sinners to Serve Him (v. 16)**

*"AN AWARENESS OF ONE'S WEAKNESS, ONE'S ORDINARINESS, CAN BE AN ASSET IN THE GOSPEL MINISTRY, FOR SUCH AN AWARENESS MAY MORE EASILY DEPEND ON THE POWER OF GOD. CONVERSELY, IT CAN BE A DISADVANTAGE TO BE EXTRAORDINARILY GIFTED, BECAUSE ONE CAN THEN BE TEMPTED TO RELY UPON NATURAL GIFTS TO ACHIEVE SUPERNATURAL ENDS...GOD CHOOSES ORDINARY PEOPLE TO SERVE HIM! HE CHOOSES THEM SO THERE WILL BE NO MISTAKE WHERE THE POWER COMES FROM AND SO HUMAN BOASTING WILL BE EXCLUDED."*

— R. KENT HUGHES,  
LIBERATING MINISTRY FROM THE  
SUCCESS SYNDROME.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **Why God Uses Sinners to Serve Him (v. 17)**

*By the grace of God, one thing I will do this week in response to this sermon is :*