**1 Timothy**

Reasons to Continue

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Thankful to Serve (12)

* And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. (Col 3:15)
* And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. (Col 3:17)

Remembering What We Were (v 13)

* Blasphemer
	+ 11 And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled *them* to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted *them* even unto strange cities. (Acts 26:9-11 AV)
* Persecutor
	+ As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed *them* to prison. (Acts 8:3 AV)
	+ And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, (Acts 9:1)
	+ 4 And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women. 5 As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished. (Acts 22:4-5)
	+ 9 I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. 10 Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against *them*. (Acts 26:9-10)
* Injurious
	+ Barnes - The word here used (ὑβριστής hubristēs), occurs only in one other place in the New Testament, Romans 1:30, where it is rendered "despiteful." The word injurious does not quite express its force. It does not mean merely doing injury, but refers rather to the manner or spirit in which it is done. It is a word of intenser signification than either the word "blasphemer," or "persecutor," and means that what he did was done with a proud, haughty, insolent spirit. There was wicked and malicious violence, an arrogance and spirit of tyranny in what he did, which greatly aggravated the wrong that was done;
* NOTE: I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief
	+ Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. (Luke 23:34)

Knowing Why God Saved Us

Knowing the Big Picture