OPEN YOUR BIBLE To: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

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Ministry simply means "service." In the original language of the New Testament, there is nothing "high" or "spiritual" about the word. It just means to work hard and serve. Yet for this former blasphemer and persecutor of God's people, this was a great honor.

David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary



1. Jesus Enables Me To Serve (v12)

You Have Ministry From The Lord

- Your Spiritual Life
- * Your Family
- * The Workplace
- The Church
- * The Community

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The idea of ministry is greatly misunderstood in our day. All believers are in the ministry; not one of us is out of the ministry if he is a child of God.

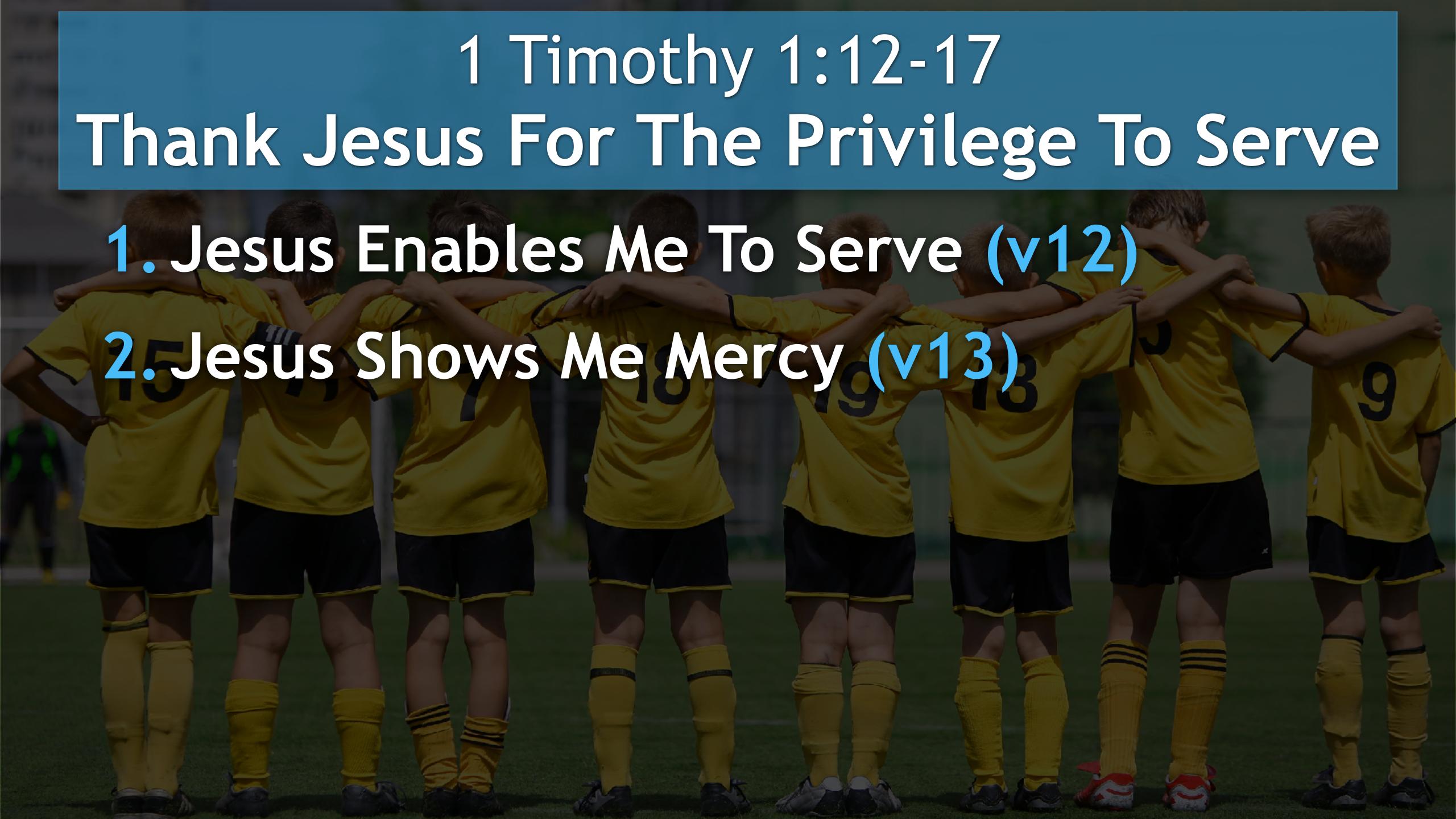
J. Vernon McGee, Thru The Bible Commentary

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Faithful: certain, worthy to be believed; true, just, trustworthy, observant of and steadfast to one's trust, word, or promises

The Complete Word Study New Testament





2. Jesus Shows Me Mercy (v13)

And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

Acts 26:11

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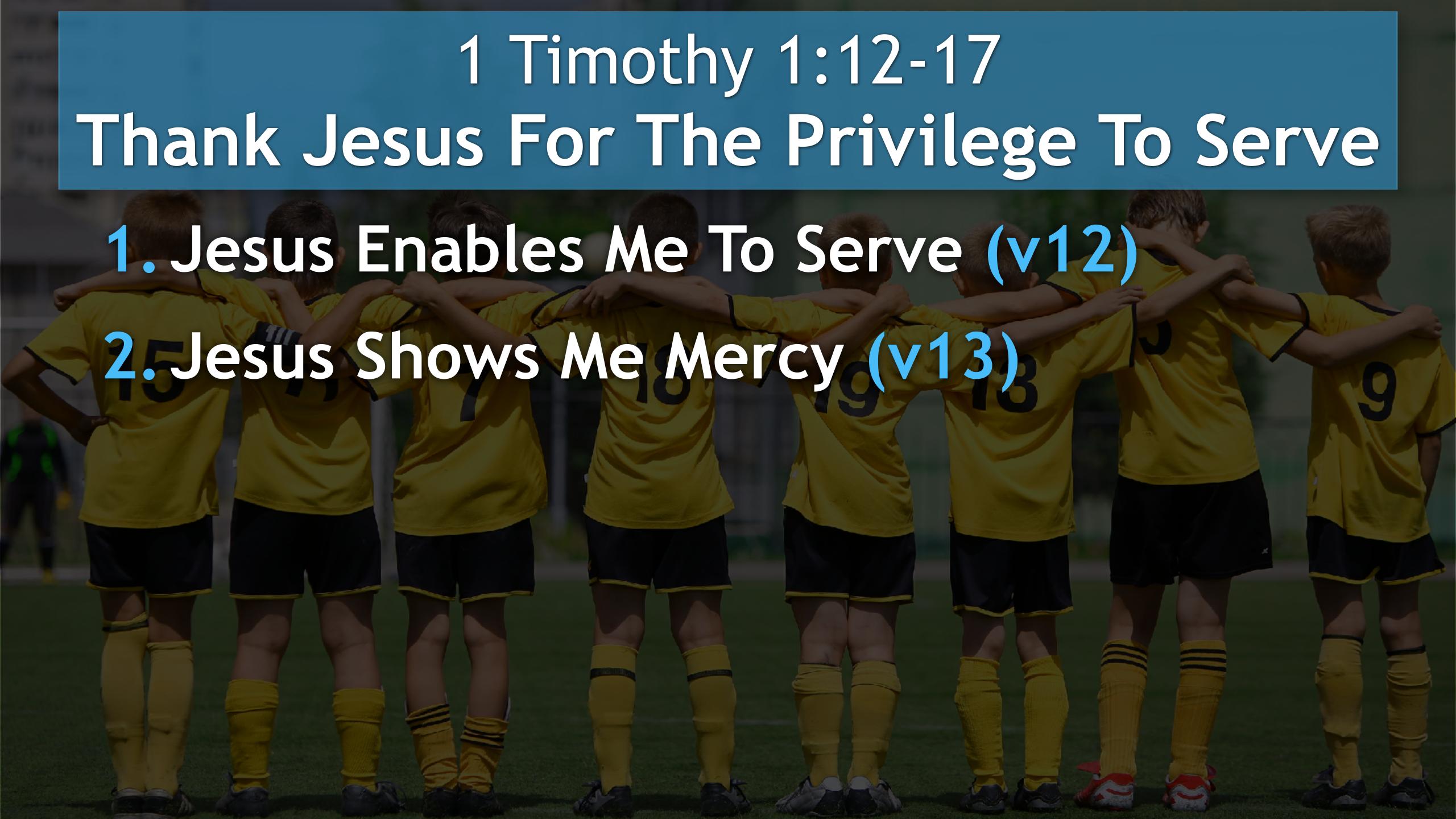
God was unusually merciful to Paul because He desired to make the apostle an example of how God can change the worst of sinners into the best of saints. In the light of Paul's conversion no one should conclude that his or her sin is too great for God to forgive.

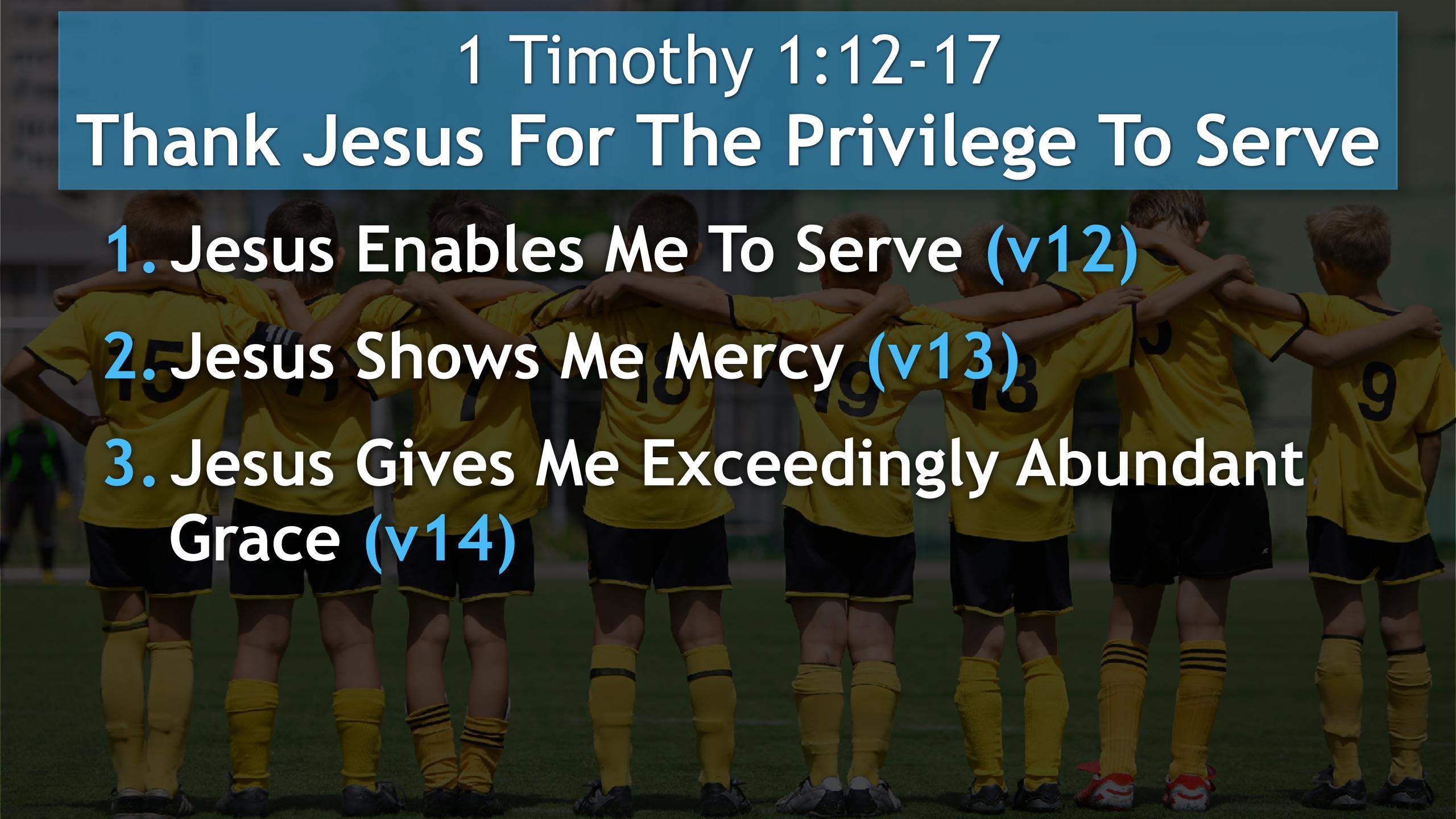
Thomas Constable, Expository Notes Of Dr. Thomas Constable

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For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Romans 5:10

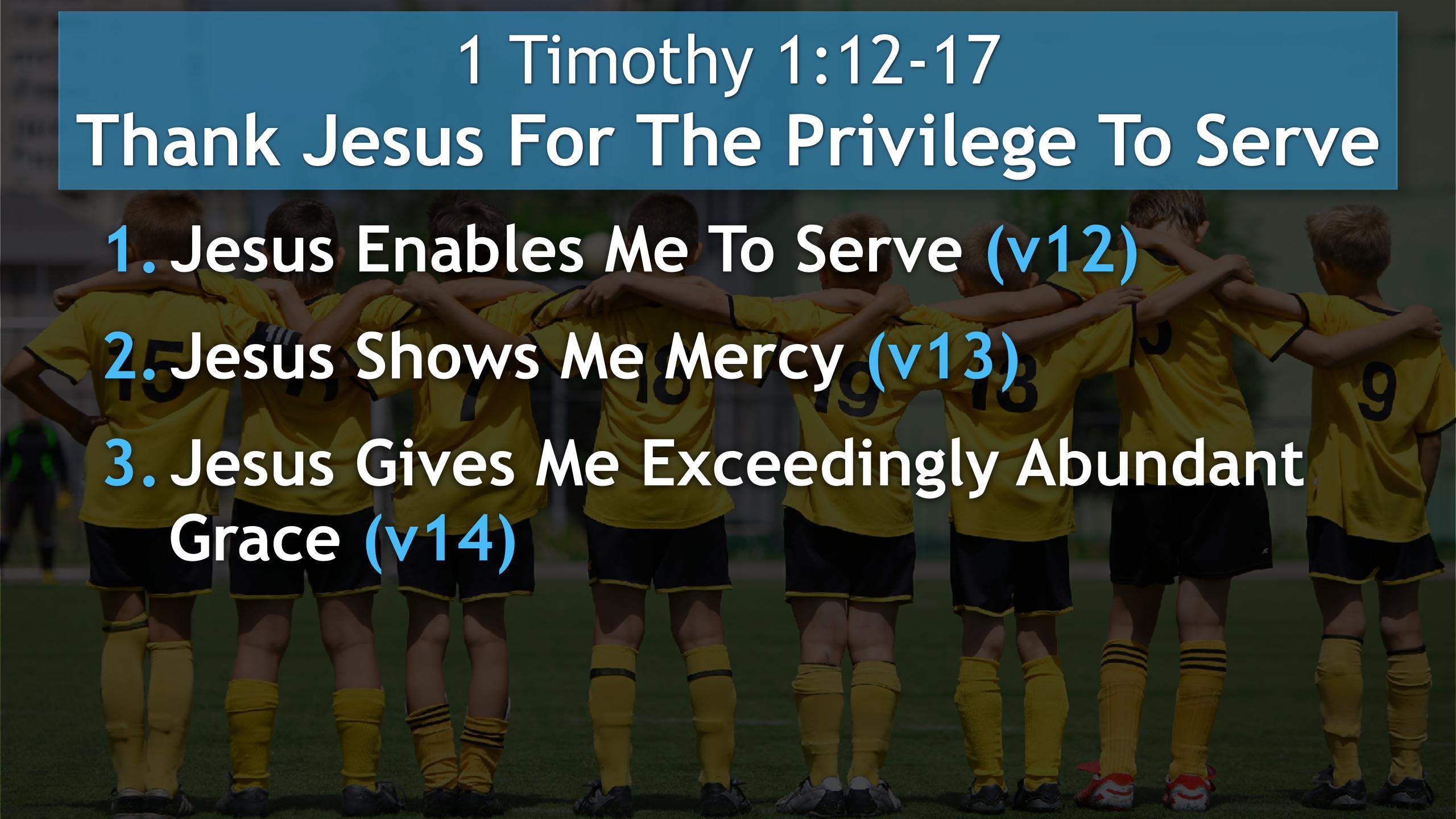




3. Jesus Gives Me Exceedingly Abundant Grace (v14)

Grace: Charis: A favor done without expectation of return; absolute freeness of the loving-kindness of God to men, finding its only motive in the bounty and freeheartedness of the Giver.

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Just as he had been the chief of sinners, so now he would be the chief display of the untiring grace of the Lord. He would be "Exhibit A," a living example.

William MacDonald, Believer's Bible Commentary

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The gospel insists that all the glory for the work of salvation must go to Christ alone, that man does nothing but the sinning, and that the Lord Jesus does all the saving.

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