

10 Instructions that Involve God's Grace

(2 Timothy 1:1-2)

Introduction:

1. When Paul introduced his letters to Timothy, he wanted his friend to receive 3 blessings from the Father and Christ: "*grace, mercy, and peace.*"
2. While all of these blessings deserve our careful attention, today we are concentrating on passages that teach us about "the grace of God."
 - a. This morning we answered 3 questions that relate to God's grace.
 - 1) "What is the grace of God?"
 - 2) "Who is the grace of God for?"
 - 3) "Why does everyone need the grace of God?"
 - b. This evening we are turning our attention to 10 instructions [5 negative and 5 positive] that involve God's grace.

Discussion:

- I. 5 NEGATIVE INSTRUCTIONS THAT INVOLVE GOD'S GRACE
 - A. We must not think that God's grace gives a license to sin (Romans 6:1-2, 14-15).
 - B. We must not receive God's grace in vain (2 Corinthians 6:1).
 - C. We must not frustrate God's grace (Galatians 2:21).
 - D. We must not fall from God's grace (Galatians 5:4).
 - E. We must not turn God's grace into lasciviousness (Jude 4).
- II. 5 POSITIVE INSTRUCTIONS THAT INVOLVE GOD'S GRACE
 - A. We must allow God's grace to be seen (Acts 11:22-23).
 - B. We must "*continue in the grace of God*" (Acts 13:43).
 - C. We must stand in grace (Romans 5:1-2).
 - D. We must "*be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus*" (2 Timothy 2:1).
 - E. We must allow our hearts to "*be established with grace*" (Hebrews 13:9).

Conclusion:

1. Let us be reminded that God's grace is sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:7-9).
2. Let us follow these instructions to the best of our ability.