As we begin a new year, may I ask you a question. Are you adequate? Do you feel “adequate” to do the job that God has called you to do this year?

Paul said in 1Timothy 1:12 (NIV) – “I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that He considered me faithful, appointing me to His service.”

I used this verse below in a message a couple of Sundays ago. The night before, I couldn’t sleep as I was filled with anticipation. In the wee hours of the morning, I got up and looked to see what this verse said in The Message.

1 Timothy 1:12 & 14 (The Message) – “I'm so grateful to Christ Jesus for making me adequate to do this work. **He went out on a limb, you know, in trusting me with this ministry**. Grace mixed with faith and love poured over me and into me. And all because of Jesus.”

For several minutes, I reflected on this from a pessimistic viewpoint, that I am just barely adequate. Thank God that with His guidance, I am able to serve Him. Wow! Did He ever go out on a limb for me to be able to serve Him in ministry.

Then I began to think on this verse from an optimistic viewpoint, that we are Holy and righteous in Him! He changed me from who I once was and now I am more than adequate in Christ Jesus! So are you! Get out there and conquer the world for Christ!