

1 Timothy 2:1-3

LESSON 08

Therefore, Pray

1. First, Pray

- a. Pray is first before moving on in 1 Timothy, in ministry, in behavior, in life
- b. Prayer is where doctrinal rubber meets the road of ministry, yet men don't pray
- c. People don't pray out of apathy, indifference, wrong thinking about God
- d. Prayer works in your will/desire/faith/heart to move doctrine in you out -1Th 5:17
- e. *"therefore..."* – 1 Tim 1:19 – To hold faith and good conscience – pray.
- f. Motivation must be as pure as the goal, means and ends, in private like in public

2. Made For All Men

- a. Praying can be selfish, self-centered, greedy, ritualistic, demanding
- b. The prayers here are for others (unsaved) – prayers for yourself are in Phil 4:6-7
- c. Supplication = asking out of need and dependency for God to supply
- d. Prayer = pleading out of a heart's desire – Rom 10:1
- e. Intercession = "we pray you in Christ's stead" - 2 Cor 5:20, Rom 8:26-27, 34
- f. Thanksgiving = 1 Th 5:18, Col 3:15 is buried in "one another's"
- g. This kind of prayer stops entitlement, & increases joy, love, peace toward others

3. Kings and Authorities

- a. This may be hard if your focus is on the personal and political and not prayer
- b. The issue is with not praying, submitting, obeying Gentile/unbelieving rulers
- c. "for all men" ... "every where" ...both men and women - 1 Ti m2:8-9
- d. We are to pray and watch for where you can participate in God's will - Col 4:2-3
- e. It is not about prayer warriors winning elections or putting people in office (Nero)
- f. The only political agenda that will change/save the world is in 1 Tim 2:4-7
- g. We don't speak evil of them, but we do speak and pray for them – Titus 3:1-5
- h. We pray according to Romans 8:6 for the spiritual not the carnal

4. The Quiet, Peaceful, Godly, Honest, Good Life

- a. Quiet, peaceable, godly, and honest is not the politics of the day
- b. The opposite is noisy, warfare, trouble, worldliness, dishonest
- c. Honesty – fair, just, equitable – an honest work, honest living – 1 Thess 4:11-12
- d. This speaks to our relationship toward those without - 2 Cor 8:19-20, Rom 12:17
- e. Paul says to think about these things - Phil 4:8, Titus 2:5