

The Purpose of Prayer

Text: 1Timothy 2:1-8

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I. TO LEAD QUIET AND PEACEABLE LIVES (2:2)

A. Without Interference from Government – Good Government.

- A good government that takes care of its citizens frees the believer from having to deal with governmental problems, freeing you from those burdens so that you won't be distracted from spiritual duties by getting too invested in carnal activities (fighting for laws and justice, etc.). Romans 13:1-6 is a good cross reference.

B. To Live in All Godliness and Honesty – Good Citizens (1 Chronicles 4:10).

- We need to ask God to keep us from evil, both inside and outside.
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II. TO LIVE ACCEPTABLY IN THE SIGHT OF GOD (2:3)

A. To Do That Which is Good (Colossians 1:10).

B. To Be Acceptable in the Sight of God. Our aim is to please God, not people (Gal 1:10, 1 Thes 2:4). See **Philippians 1:20-21**.

III. TO SEEK THE SALVATION OF ALL MEN (2:4-6)

A. The Willingness of God to Save (1 Tim 2:4).

- a. God's heart goes out to the Lost (**vs 1, vs 4, vs 8**).
- b. We should have a heart like God (**Rom 10:1**).
 - i. Teach men about the Lord so they'll repent and be freed from the devil's snare (**2 Tim 2:24-26**).
 1. It is God's will that all men be saved (**2 Pet 3:9, Mt 23:37**).

B. The Mediation of Jesus Christ (2:5).

- a. People need to be told that their religion is not another way. Jesus is the ONE Mediator.
 - i. The more you pray, the closer you'll get to the heart and mind of God.

C. The Offer of Salvation for All (1 Timothy 2:6)

IV. TO FULFILL THE MINISTRY GIVEN US (2:7)

A. To Fulfill our Calling. We pray to make sure we're doing what God wants us to do.

- a. Prayer helps us abide in Christ and bring forth much fruit (**John 15:1-5**).

- i. Our power with God unto fruitfulness has to do with our connection to the vine (Jesus Christ). If you want to bear fruit, you need to pray.

B. To Serve in Faith and Verity (truth). We pray because Christ has made the sacrifice, He wants all men to be saved, and He has called us to do a work for Him.

V. TO UNITE OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER (2:8)

A. Every Hand

B. Holy Hands. Make certain your hands are clean (James 4:8). Is your life right with God as you pray?

C. Peaceful Hands (without wrath). (James 1:20, Eph 6:4).

D. Faithful Hands (without doubting).

