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GOspel: The Church's Dedication to Pray for All People!

Lesson Eight • 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Chapter 1 // The Steward's Trust

Faithfully fulfill *your task* to silence the false teachers for the timeless purpose of managing God's household according to His gospel.

The Master's Commands for Well-Ordered Godliness in Worship and Leadership // 1 Timothy 2:1-3:13

WELL-ORDERED LIVING in WORSHIP 2:1-15			WELL-ORDERED LIVING in LEADERSHIP 3:1-13		
1	7	8	10	11	15
PRIORITIZE PRAYING All Kinds of Prayers for All Kinds of People to Go with the Gospel		EMPHASIZE ORDERLINESS Men and Women Displaying Well-Ordered Worship		AUTHORIZE COMPLEMENTARITY Women Learning and Not Teaching/Leading with Authority Over Men	
1	7	8	13		
MOBILIZE ELDERS Above Reproach Stewarding with Well-Ordered Godliness		MOBILIZE DEACONS & WIVES(?) Above Reproach Serving with Well-Ordered Godliness			

GOspel: Go Is in the Gospel!					
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CHURCH'S DEDICATION to PRAY for ALL PEOPLE!		FATHER'S DESIRE to SAVE ALL PEOPLE!		SON'S DEATH to SACRIFICE for ALL PEOPLE!	
<i>Peace for Going to All People with the Gospel</i>		<i>Passion for Going to All People with the Gospel</i>		<i>Purpose for Going to All People with the Gospel</i>	
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				STEWARDS DELIGHT to PROCLAIM to ALL PEOPLE!	
				<i>Practices for Going to All People with the Gospel</i>	

The Church's Dedication to Pray for ALL Kinds of People!

1. What Are We Prioritizing? PRAYING as a Congregation.

"First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made" (v. 1a))

- The **PRIORITY** of prayer for ordering God's Household.

"First of all, therefore, I urge that..."

Do you pray? Do we see prayer as our priority? Is prayer our pattern in life? Do we persevere with passion in prayer?

Why Is Prayer a Priority for Ordering God's Household?

1. He is the Master and not us – *prayer expresses this **REALITY!***

2. Nothing of eternal value happens apart from prayer – *prayer expresses this **NECESSITY!***

"Nothing is well done without prayer for the simple reason that it leaves God out of the account." – E.M. Bounds

3. Prayer changes our will more than it changes God's will – *prayer expresses this **CERTAINTY!***

- The **VARIETY** of prayer for ordering God's Household.

"entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings be made:"

2. For Whom Are We Praying? ALL Kinds of People, Especially Those in Authority.

"be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority" (vv. 1b-2a)

- Pray for all kinds of **PEOPLE**.

"on behalf of all men"

Prioritize Praying All Kinds of Prayers for All Kinds of People

Saved & Unsaved! Men & Women! Young & Old! Rich & Poor! Strong & Weak! Nice & Mean! Near & Far!

- Pray for all kinds of authorities in **POWER**.

"for kings and all who are in authority"

1	• Personal Relationships
2	• Public Reputation
3	• Purpose as Rulers - <i>Romans 13:4</i>
4	• Persecution of Christ and His Church - <i>Luke 22:42; Acts 7:60; 9:1-22; 1 Timothy 1:12-17</i>
5	• Pursuit of Christ - <i>1 Timothy 1:5; 2:3-6</i>
6	• Promotion of Peaceful Order - <i>1 Timothy 2:2b</i>

3. Why Do We Pray This Way? To Live in PEACE for Going with the Gospel.

"so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity." (v. 2b)

- For well-**ORDERED** peaceful living with all kinds of people.

"so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life"

- For well-**RESPECTED** godly living as God's people.

"in all godliness and dignity (sobriety)."

*Why do we pray for well-ordered peaceful living?
So, we can live well-respected godly lives as God's people!*

- For God-**PLEASING** fulfillment of the Great Commission!

"This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved..." (2:3-4a)

*Why do we pray to live well-respected godly lives?
For the God-pleasing fulfillment of GOing with the GOspel to ALL peoples!*

**We Don't Pray for the American Dream to Be Fulfilled for Ourselves;
We Pray for the Great Commission to Be Fulfilled for the Nations!**

See Handout: Pray for ALL Kinds of Prayers for ALL Kinds of People and ALL Kinds of Leaders!

Example of Praying 1 Timothy 1:1-7 for All Kinds of People and All Kinds of Leaders

Apostolic Church Father Clement of Rome

The First Epistle of Clement (AD 30-100) to the Corinthians was written around AD 96 under the rule of Emperor Domitian and near the time when the Apostle John recorded the Book of Revelation on the Isle of Patmos.

Clement was probably a Gentile and a Roman. He seems to have been at Philippi with St. Paul (A.D. 57) when that first-born of the Western churches was passing through great trials of faith. There, with holy women and others, he ministered to the apostle and to the saints.¹

Toward the end of his letter, Clement records a prayer which concludes with interceding for **“those who rule and govern us upon the earth”** (See bold portions especially at the end.). Clement’s written intercessions would have included the brutal persecutor of the church, Emperor Domitian.

The likeness to Paul’s doxology in 1 Timothy 1:17 and his apostolic command to pray for all kinds of people and all kinds of leaders in 1 Timothy 2:1-7 are striking. His supplications for unsaved leaders to rule for good under God, so that His people may live well-ordered lives with well-respected godliness for the God-pleasing fulfillment of the Great Commission is overflowing with humility and boldness.

Clements entire pray is as follows:

59:2 ...we will ask, making with earnestness our prayer and supplication, that the Maker of all things may keep uninjured in all the world the number of those that have been numbered as His elect, through His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, through Whom He has called us from darkness unto light, and from ignorance to a knowledge of the glory of His Name.

59:3 That we may hope in Thy Name, which is the first of all things, open the eyes of our heart to know You, Who is alone Highest among the highest, Holy among the holy, Who puts down the haughtiness of the proud, Who scatters the reasonings of the Gentiles, Who exalts the humble on high, and lowers the lofty, Who makes rich and makes poor, Who kills and makes to live, the only Benefactor of spirits, and God of all flesh, Who looks into the abysses, Who beholds the works of men, Who is the Helper of those in danger, the Savior of those who have lost hope, Who is the Maker and Bishop of every soul, **Who makes the nations to multiply upon earth, and out of all has chosen those that love You through Jesus Christ Your beloved Son**, through Whom You have taught us, have sanctified us, have honored us.

59:4 We ask You, Lord, to be our Helper and Assister, save those of us who are in affliction, have compassion on the humble, raise the fallen, appear to those who are in need, heal the sinners, convert those of Your people who are wandering from the way, feed the hungry, ransom our prisoners, raise up the sick, encourage the feeble-hearted, **let all the nations know that You are God alone and Jesus Christ Your Son, and that we are Your people and the sheep of Your pasture.**

60:1 You have made manifest the everlasting constitution of the world by the things that happen. You, Lord, Who is faithful in all generations, have founded the world; You Who is just in Your judgments, Who is wonderful in strength and greatness; You who is wise in creating and prudent in establishing the things that are made; You that is good in the things that are seen and faithful among them that trust upon You, merciful and compassionate, forgive us our transgressions and unrighteousnesses, our sins and our negligences.

60:2 Take not into account every sin of Your servants and handmaids, but purify us with the purification of Your truth, and make straight our steps in holiness and righteousness and singleness of heart, that we may so walk and do such things as are right and well pleasing before You, **and before our rulers.**

60:3 Yea, Lord, cause Your face to appear to us in peace to our good, that we may be sheltered by Your mighty hand, and preserved from all sin by Your lofty arm, **and deliver us from those that hate us unjustly.**

60:4 Give unity and peace both to us and to all that dwell upon the earth, as You gave to our fathers when they called upon You with faith and truth, **so that we should become obedient to Your all-powerful and most excellent Name, and to those who rule and govern us upon the earth.**

61:1 You, Lord, have given the authority of the kingdom to them through Your almighty and unspeakable power, so that we, knowing the estimation and honor given to them by You, might submit ourselves to them, in no way opposing Your will; to whom give, O Lord, health, peace, concord, stability, so that they may discharge the rule given unto them by You without offence;

61:2 for You, heavenly Lord, everlasting King, give to the sons of men glory and honor and authority over the things that are upon the earth. Do, Lord, direct their counsel according to what is good and pleasing before You, that, fulfilling with peace and meekness and piety the authority given unto them by You, they may obtain mercy from You.

61:3 You who alone are able to do these and greater good things among us, to You do we give thanks through the High Priest and Protector of our souls, Jesus Christ, through Whom to You be the glory and majesty, now and to all generations, world without end. Amen.²

¹ Alexander Roberts, James Donaldson, and A. Cleveland Coxe, eds. *The Apostolic Fathers With Justin Martyr and Irenaeus*. vol. I of *The Ante-Nicene Fathers*. Accordance electronic ed. (New York: Christian Literature Company, 1885), paragraph 27.

² The First Epistle of Clement to the Corinthians translated by Charles H. Hoole, 1885. <https://www.earlychristianwritings.com/text/1clement-hoole.html>. Slightly modernized.

PRAY ALL KINDS PRAYERS for ALL KINDS of PEOPLE and ALL KINDS of LEADERS!

1 Timothy 2:1-2

1. Pray for both candidates in the U.S. presidential election with supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings.

- **Personal Relationships**
- **Public Reputation**
- **Purpose as Rulers** - *Romans 13:4*
- **Persecution of the Church** - *Lk 22:42; Acts 7:60; 9:1-22; 1 Tim 1:12-17*
- **Pursuit of Christ** - *1 Timothy 1:5; 2:3-6*
- **Promotion of Peaceful Order** - *1 Timothy 2:2b*

2. Pray for the political leaders of the countries of our World Outreach partners and guests.

Pray for the authorities over these countries, so our missionaries are able to live well-ordered peaceful lives with well-respected godliness in order to GO!

- **BELGIUM:** {Names Restricted} planting in Brugee.
- **NETHERLANDS:** Grace Church in Amsterdam planted by Corey, Kaylee, Lyla (14), Eloise (12), and Charlotte (7) O'Grady.
- **PORTUGAL:** Lisbon Jacob, Sydney, and Lucy (newborn) Mulford headed to Lisbon for church planting.
- **PHILIPPINES:** {Names Restricted} reaching Muslims and tribal areas with healthcare strategies.
- **ITALY** – Mosaico Church in Florence planted by Cody Wilbanks.

3. Pray that our lives and church will be well-ordered according to the gospel to live with well-respected godliness to GO!

- **KNOW Christ:** Faithful to worship as a congregation and member.
- **GROW in Christ:** Growing relationship with Chr.st and deeper fellowship with other believers.
- **SHOW Christ:** Actively serving in ministry to and through our church.
- **GO with Christ:** Across the street and around the world with the gospel!

Prioritize, Pray, and Participate in the World Outreach Celebration!

