

WHEN YOUR CANDIDATE DOESN'T WIN
1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4 / 10-11-20 / SUN

I. FIRST, PRAY FOR YOUR GOVERNMENT LEADERS.

- A. This is what Paul says—2:1.
1. **“I urge”**—this is a strong word.
 2. **“first of all”**—this means we must make it a top priority.
 3. **“for everyone”**—not just those politicians you agree with.
- B. What kinds of prayers should we pray?
1. he says we should pray all kinds of prayers for them—**“requests, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving.”**
 2. When Paul wrote these words about praying for your leaders, Nero was the Roman Emperor.
 3. The principle is this: The more wrong you think a politician is, the harder you should pray for them.

II. SECOND, SPEAK RESPECTFULLY ABOUT YOUR GOVERNMENT LEADERS.

- A. Paul said—2:2.
- B. Some where we've gotten the idea that if we disagree with a politician that it's okay to demonize them.
- C. The Apostle Peter also calls on Christians to respect their leaders—1 Peter 2:17.
- D. If we can't respect the person, then we should at least respect the office.

III. THIRD, UNDERSTAND THAT GOVERNMENT CANNOT CHANGE THE WORLD.

- A. Paul says—2:3-4.
- B. Paul reminds us there is only one way to change our world.
1. The world will not be changed when the political party we like is in control.
 2. Only the “gospel” can do that.