

1 TIMOTHY 2 GIVE THANKS

1 Timothy 2:1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men,

- See the four categories of prayer on the Apostles mind? **David Guzik** describes them:
- These terms describe the wide categories of our communication with God. These are the kinds of prayer that should be offered when God's people come together.
 - i. **Supplication** is simply *asking* for something. Prayer should never be all asking, but it *should* ask in bold confidence from God's Word.
 - ii. **Prayers** is a broad word, referring to all communication with the Lord.
 - iii. **Intercessions** refer to the requests we make on behalf of others. As we pray, there should be time when the needs of others find a place in our prayer before God's throne.
- iv. **Giving of thanks** is an essential part of our walk with God. Those who lack a basic sense of gratitude in their lives lack a basic Christian virtue.

WE ARE TO PRAY...

2 for kings and all who are in authority, **WHY?** that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. (**Honesty, dignity**)

- We NEED our leaders, and they NEED GOD!
- You might be hesitant to pray for a politician for whom you didn't vote and don't support. Listen... Paul was praying the murderous Nero who persecuted Christians, AND who history tells us ordered Paul to be executed.
- So, pray for our President, for our Governor, and for Mayor Mashburn.
- **In fact, CCSV, let us take a moment and pray for them now!**

PRAY THAT THEY KNOW CHRIST...

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of

the truth.

- SO... after we pray, what can we do to be a part of somebody's salvation testimony? Offer a word? Offer a prayer? Offer a track? Do a kind deed and give God the glory?
- Share this next verse?

ONE WAY

5 For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the Man Christ Jesus*, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, 7 for which I was appointed a **preacher** and an **apostle**—I am speaking the truth in Christ *and* not lying—a **teacher** of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

- Chuck Smith says, "Think of it... Jesus can reach out and touch the Father... while He reaches out and touches us."
 - Thomas wondered about this...
- **John 14:5** Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."
- **That is why we are "Jesus people!"** But, Paul is still teaching about prayer...

8 I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy (**innocent**) hands, without wrath and doubting;

- We do this perhaps without knowing it... in any team sport when two opponents are guarding each other or running the field; and one of them falls over – what does the opponent still standing do with his hands?
- He lifts up innocent hands... In our case, holy hands.
- So... there is a prerequisite to having our prayers answered – Holiness.
- In our daily reading this week, we guys read in **1 Peter 3:7** this word about our prayer life...Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

- The Apostle continues these prerequisites to a powerful prayer life...

9 in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing,

- **NLT** - And I want women to be modest in their appearance. They should wear decent and appropriate clothing and not draw attention to themselves by the way they fix their hair or by wearing gold or pearls or expensive clothes.
- In Paul's day the ladies weaved their precious stuff into their hair. It was safe there – But it was gaudy and could become a competition.

WOMEN OF FAITH

10 but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.

- **NLT** - For women who claim to be devoted to God should make themselves attractive by the good things they do.

EXHORTATIONS FOR EPHEBUS

From the next few verses, you might think that the Ephesian church had a problem with women... BUT... They really had a problem with men.

The men of Ephesus were weak and taken with sin. Because of this lack of godly men, the women had stepped up to fill in the needs.

SO... Some of the women in Ephesus had started to take roles that were out of order. The same problem happened in Corinth, remember? Paul is instructing Timothy about how to put things back in order. He has already told Timothy to treat the older ladies like his mom, and to treat the younger ladies like sisters. He is NOT being chauvinistic in ANY way.

So, ladies, stay in your lane. Men, live righteous lives treating your wives as if they were princesses – THEY ARE!

11 Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. (The right role, IE)

LET WOMEN TEACH WOMEN

12 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

THE ORDER

13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

MEN ARE TO PROTECT THE LADIES

14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

15 Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing (**No man could have born baby Jesus!**) if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

Every baby born is brought to life by a woman!

Lynette has helped deliver babies since 1992 and has yet to have a man squeeze out a child.

COURSON - The Greek word [sozo](#), or "saved," meaning "the full orb of God's blessing"—that women will be "saved in childbearing"—does not refer only to the fact that they won't die bearing children, but that they will experience the full orb of God's blessing in raising children. Although there are exceptions, although there are women who are uniquely called to separate themselves for service to the Lord, the rule of thumb for the church is that women are to pour themselves into their kids, for there they will find their greatest blessing.

Ladies, us guys will try our best to stay in the role that you can respect and follow. PRAY FOR US!