

I Timothy 2 – 14 January 2024

“Intimacy Of Prayer & Teaching”

Introduction

*For those of you that enjoy outlines, I Timothy’s 6 chapters is outlined as TILDAS

*Teaching, Intimacy, Leaders, Dangers, Aged, & Suspicions

*‘Tilda’ is French word from ancient Germanic for ‘*mighty in battle*’ or ‘*mighty in strength*’

*Key verse of the book (Read) I Tim 1:18

*Paul opened with the importance of solid teaching

*Now in Chap 2, he gets much more personal, much more intimate

*The discussion is of praying & teaching, but not the method of them, it’s the manner of them

Praying & teaching the Word of God is designed to bring us into great intimacy with our Savior

Today, we’ll look at 4 ways that praying & teaching lead us into intimacy with God

#1 – Prayer challenges our attitudes (Vs 1-3)

Read Vs 1

1. ‘First of all’ isn’t in order of time but importance
 - a. Do you have a heart to want to help people?
2. Notice our heart should be directed at ‘all people’
 - a. You’ve never met someone that didn’t need your prayers bringing them before God’s throne
3. ‘Supplications’ & ‘intercessions’ both carry the idea of requests on behalf of self or others
 - a. It’s good to make requests, but be careful not to get stuck on requesting YOUR solution
4. ‘Prayers’ & ‘giving of thanks’ both carry the idea of having gratitude for another

Read Vs 2

1. What is your relationship like w/ the govt?
 - a. God made govt for civil peace (Rom 13:1-5)
2. So we pray for them, not just for our benefit but also for theirs
 - a. When we pray for them, it not only effects how they act, but also how we act toward them

3. What is the goal of our interaction w/ govt?
 - a. That we may be about our Christian service w/o interruption from & even facilitated by them
 - b. That they may be saved (we'll see in vs 4)
4. But what if we have a real bad President?
 - a. Paul Caesar right now is wicked Nero!

Read Vs 3

1. We should know His will. It's His will we...
 - a. Pray for leaders (I Tim 2:2)
 - b. Submit to govt leaders (Read I Pet 2:13-15)
 - c. Obey our bosses in sincerity (Eph 6:6)
 - d. Bodily sanctification (I Thes 4:3)
 - e. Give thanks in all things (I Thes 5:18)
2. 'God our Savior' – The name Jesus means *God our Savior*

#2 – The study of Jesus finds that He's the only way into intimacy with God our Savior (Vs 4-7)

Read Vs 4

1. Above all, goal of prayer for others is their salvation thru knowing King Jesus (Read Eze 33:11)

- a. Can't be praying for their salvation & act sinful towards them...one will win out

Read Vs 5

1. Whether religion or civil, we pray *for* our leaders, we don't pray *to* our leaders
 - a. There is no Caesar, President, Pastor or Pope that sets the course of our spiritual life
2. Job's cry for a mediator is fulfilled in Jesus!
 - a. There is no approach to God or eternal life, except by coming thru Jesus (Read John 14:6)
 - b. Sincerely held beliefs don't allow you to approach God – you could be sincerely wrong
 - c. Nadab & Abihu & Cain are examples of approaching God in our way instead of His

Read Vs 6

1. "Ransom" is *substitute price*
 - a. Sin's wages is death, but God's offer is life
 - b. Substitute price being paid is offered to ALL
 - c. Cross is sufficient - no one is turned away

Read Vs 7

1. This is the reason Paul was called & used of God, to preach salvation thru Jesus alone
2. It's easy to drift off into other goals in Church
 - a. Don't lose sight of constant evangelism
 - b. If we do nothing else, tell others about Jesus

#3 – Men should lead the effort toward intimacy with God (Vs 8)

Read Vs 8

1. This is indeed directed at men b/c of next verse
 - a. Not prohibition to women, just encouragement for men to step up in this spiritual discipline
2. “Pray everywhere” w/o ceasing (I Thes 5:17)
 - a. In context to I Timothy, Paul wants all churches to always be praying
3. “Lifting holy hands” to say God use these hands
 - a. Believe in faith that God made you holy & then go live that way
4. “Without wrath & doubting” – posture of heart is more important than the posture of the body

#4 – Women’s contentment cultivates intimacy (Vs 9-15)

Read Vs 9-10

1. Women should draw people in by their good works, let that be what stands out
2. “Modest apparel” = idea of orderly, thoughtful
 - a. “Shamefacedness & sobriety” – reverence & control
 - b. “Not with braided hair...” these were the attributes of a prostitute of those days
3. Vs 10 has our key word “profess”
 - a. What are you professing of yourself
 - i. Your body? Some take their clothes off to reveal their body, some leave them on to reveal their dignity
 - ii. Your good works? Read Matt 5:16

Read Vs 11

1. This is all about avoiding confusion or the appearance of rebellion against God’s created order
 - a. This isn’t speaking of ability, but of order
 - b. Read I Cor 14:34-35 – Don’t appear to contradict your head, (husband): be on same page

Read Vs 12

1. This isn't a prohibition against women teaching in general, but about teaching the whole church
 - a. I Cor 11:5 speaks of women praying & prophesying (whether she has her head covered)
 - b. So clearly women can teach just not to men
 - c. Tim himself was taught by his mom & G-ma
2. Why is this so? Look at verses 13-14

Read Vs 13-14

1. Read I Cor 11:3-4, 8-9 - These roles were established b/c of the divine order in creation
 - a. We can't possibly say this is just a cultural teaching from days of Paul – it's for all time
2. Another false point some try making is that none of the roles of men & women from the Bible apply any longer since Paul said Gal 3:28
 - a. Read Gal 3:28 – but this is speaking of the fact that we ALL come to Jesus the same way
 - b. Now Read Gal 3:26-27
3. Filling roles in church isn't a question of what will work best, but what will please God the best

Read Vs 15

1. In context to verses 13-14 this is saying that although the women, Eve, fell into sin, she will be saved b/c of the process of childbirth
 - a. This not only allows for others to come into life, but it also allows for the Messiah to come
2. In context to the whole section of verses about teaching, this is saying that a woman will have lots of opportunities to teach her children
3. However, this salvation promise is conditional in that they must continue walking close to God

Conclusion

How close are you w/ the Lord? Are we allowing our church disciplines to bring us into intimacy w/ God?

- 1. Prayer will change our attitude...toward all realms of associates in our life**
- 2. Jesus is the only way into intimacy with God**
- 3. Men need to lead the effort into intimacy**
- 4. Women's contentment cultivates intimacy**