

“Leadership Through Prayer”

1st TIMOTHY Chapter 2

I) THE PURPOSE OF PRAYER (v1-4)

> Christians are called to PRAY for ALL MEN (kings, presidents, prime ministers, dictators, all leaders, etc.) so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life; we are to pray for their SALVATION.

#1- SUPPLICATIONS – A sense of need – God’s grace and forgiveness. In **Eph 6:18-20** it says, “*praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints -- and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel*” What is **supplication in the Spirit?** The first disciples “*continued in prayer and supplication*” (Acts 1:14) then “*they were all filled with the Holy Ghost*” (Acts 2:4). On another occasion “*when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.*” (Acts. 4:23-31) Paul prayed with supplication for “*spiritual wisdom*” for the believers at Ephesus (**Ephesians 1:15-21**).

#2- PRAYER – An idea of reverence, listening and talking to God about everything. (Prayer changed the nation from slavery to freedom, from division to unity.) In **Acts chapter 12** we see the power of united power. (Prayer sets the captives free!)

#3- INTERCESSION – Intensified petitions on behalf of others. Jesus teaches us to be persistent in intercession in **Luke 11:5-11**. The great intercessory prayer of Jesus is found in **John Ch. 17:9-26**; Jesus prayed for three specifics: (1) That believers be kept as not those of this world, (2) That believers would be sanctified by His truth through His Word, (3) That believers might be one in love!

#4- THANKSGIVING – Being thankful for ALL THINGS! **Dan 6:10** - *Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.* (Read Psalm 100, it’s a Psalm of thanksgiving.)

II) THE POWER OF PRAYER (v5-7)

(v5-6) Jesus Christ the one and only MEDIATOR between God and man. (Not Mary, Joseph, the saints, the Pope, a Priest, a Pastor.) Jesus said in John 14:13-14 - *And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.* (**John 15:1-17**)

(v7) Paul was personally “*appointed a preacher and an apostle*”, he is commissioned to proclaim the gospel; and he is a “*teacher of the Gentiles in FAITH and TRUTH.*”

III) THE PEOPLE OF PRAYER (v8-15)

➤ (v8) Pray pointers for Christian MEN:

#1 - Must PRAY everywhere with holy hands (undefiled from sin; hands of worship and service).

#2 - Without WRATH - **James 1:19-20** - *So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*

#3 - Without DOUBTING - **Heb 11:6** - *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

➤ (v9-15) Prayer pointers for Christian WOMEN:

#1 - (v9-10) Must profess GODLINESS by GOOD WORKS, not by outward arrogance. (1 Peter 3:3-4)

#2 - (v11) LEARN in silence (learn the gospel, not gossip); and be SUBMISSIVE (be a follower, not a fighter).

#3 - (v12-14) God has ordained men to lead His church, not women. Men are called to Pastor as we will discover in chapter 3. Women are to teach women, children, be missionaries, serve in a variety of ways, but they are not called to the Pastorate.

#4 - (v15) The word “saved” (Gk. *sozo*) speaks of being preserved, healed through child bearing; in Genesis 3:16 we read “*in pain you shall bring forth children.*” One commentator writes, “The apostle makes it clear that he is thinking of motherhood in the context of Christian faith. A Christian mother who possesses the essential qualities of “faith and love and holiness, with modesty” can make a priceless contribution to the work of Christ; and marriage that is sanctified by these hallowed virtues contributes a degree of strength and health to the Church which is absolutely essential to her well-being.”

➤ Daily Practice: **Pray with purpose, pray in power (Jesus), pray together and for one another!**