

I Timothy 2:1-7  
Pleasing God

PRAYER – an urgent need – ***How often is prayer a last resort, rather than a priority?***

For everyone – requests, prayers, intercessions, thanksgiving (Ephesians 1:15-17)

***We need to bring everything & everyone before Him – with thanksgiving***

For kings (Proverbs 21:1)

***The Lord can turn the heart of leaders – where is our hope?***

For all who are in authority – ***those in authority have great influence***

That we may live peaceful and quiet lives (I Thessalonians 4:11-12)

That we may live in all godliness and holiness (I Timothy 4:16)

***Do our lives reflect our trust and obedience to our Savior? (John 14:15)***

Pleasing God – by our prayer and our godly lives, shining in the darkness (Philippians 2:12-16)

***Do we blend into our culture or hold forth something better? (Romans 12:2)***

He wants all men to be saved (II Peter 3:9)

***The reason for His patience in waiting to pour out His judgment***

He wants all men to come to a knowledge of the truth (Colossians 2:2-3, 6-7)

***Truth cannot be understood without connection to the source***

Proclamation of Jesus – and not ourselves (II Corinthians 4:5-7)

***We are only servants and messengers. He alone has the power to transform lives.***

The God of man (Jesus) ***He is fully God and fully man – the only one who connects us.***

He is the only mediator (John 14:6 / I John 2:1-2) ***No other way to approach God***

He is the One who gave Himself (Hebrews 9:26-27) ***No one else could deliver us***

He is the testimony given at the proper time (Galatians 4:4) ***No other testimony***

The man of God (Paul) – ***fully given to His assigned task (Acts 20:24)***

He was appointed as a herald – to live and speak Jesus to others (I Peter 2:12)

He was appointed as an apostle – messenger with a message (II Cor. 5:18-20)

He was appointed as a teacher – ***what is being taught? (II Timothy 4:1-4)***

Faith that is based on truth (Proverbs 30:5-6) – ***do we presume to know?***

Faithful to what he was entrusted with (Jude 3) – ***are we contending?***

Discussion questions for I Timothy 2:1-7

Why does God want us to pray? (Mark 1:35 / Luke 6:12-13; 11:1-4 / John 12:49-50 / Ephesians 6:18-20) ***To acknowledge our dependence upon Him. To seek His counsel and guidance. To give Him praise. To seek His protection. To ask Him to help us speak what is right and true. To lift up our brothers & sisters in Christ. To acknowledge Him in every situation.***

What pleases God? (Ephesians 5:8-10 / Psalm 51:16-17 / Isaiah 1:14-20 / I Timothy 2:4 / II Peter 3:9 / I John 2:2 / Luke 15:10) ***When we turn from darkness to His light. When we acknowledge our brokenness and our need of Him. When we live in a manner that matches what we say we believe. When we pray for others and actively share the gospel. When we repent of our sin, acknowledge who Jesus truly is, and are saved.***

How does our mediator work on our behalf? (Job 9:32-35 / Hebrews 2:17-18; 4:14-16; 7:23-26 / I John 2:1-2 / Revelation 12:10-11) ***Jesus speaks to the Father on our behalf, acknowledging that we belong to Him and that our sins are covered by His blood. He understands our needs and our weaknesses and intercedes as our High Priest. He prays for us and works in our lives to make us ready for His work here and to prepare us for heaven. He diffuses the accusations of our enemy because He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins.***

What has God entrusted to us? (I Corinthians 4:2 / I Peter 4:10-11 / Romans 12:6-8 / I Corinthians 15:1-4 / II Corinthians 5:17-21) ***1) The secret things – revealing to us the mystery of Christ and His plan for our salvation – bringing Jew and Gentile together in one new body, His church. 2) Spiritual gifts that are to be used to serve on another in the building up of His church and to bring glory and honor to God. 3) His gospel: which is the priority by which we must live and has given us a ministry and message by which lost souls may be reconciled to a holy God.***

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