

1st Timothy

Fall 2024

Week 5 - Timothy 2: 1 - 8

“What “Right” looks like in a Church according to Paul

- Sound Doctrine
- A Place of Grace
- Prayer (for everyone, especially leaders)
 - Godly Elders and Deacons
 - Teaching the Bible
 - Caring for People
 - Pursuing Godliness

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“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. And for this purpose, I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth; I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.”

Therefore, I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing. I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.”

Background –

- ❖ **Why is 1 Timothy 1:15 one of the most comforting passages of the Bible?**
- ❖ The opening verses emphasize point number three on our list of how a church should be defined. **It is a place of prayer.**
- ❖ **What strategies do you use to consciously depend on God’s strength and not our own?**
- ❖ **What happens when we don’t rely on the power of the Holy Spirit?**
- ❖ In verse 2 of 1st Timothy, he specifically says to pray for kings and all those in authority that we may live peaceful and quite lives in godliness and holiness.
- ❖ **Why are we called to pray for leaders we disagree with?**
- ❖ **What benefits will we receive by praying for elected leaders?**
- ❖ **Is the term “separation of church and state” in the US Constitution?**

- ❖ **Is our Christian faith reserved only for the four walls of the church?**
- ❖ **How can we influence policy and political leaders?**
- ❖ When God grants peace and prosperity and preserves our nation from war and hard times, we have the opportunity to make an honest and comfortable living, and the Church is able to do its work unhindered.
- ❖ **Why is a person who is angry with someone unable to pray?**
- ❖ **Why does the outward appearance in worship matter?**
- ❖ God desires that Christians adorn themselves with good works as the fruits of faith.
- ❖ **How does Christianity truly elevate womanhood? (Galatians 3:28)**

Outline of 1st Timothy

- I. Salutation (1:1–2)
- II. The charge concerning false teachers (1:3–4)
 - a. The charge to preserve the purity of the Gospel (1:5–11)
 - b. Two examples (1:12–20)
- III. Instructions concerning pastoral ministry (2:1–3:16)
 - a. Public worship (2:1–15)
 - i. The duty of prayer (2:1–7)
 - ii. The position of men in public worship (2:8–10)
 - iii. The position of women in public worship (2:11–15)
 - b. The qualifications for public ministry (3:1–13)
 - i. Overseers (or pastors) (3:1–7)
 - ii. Deacons (3:8–13)
 - iii. The center and substance of public ministry (3:14–16)
- IV. Opposing false teachers (4:1–16)
 - a. False teachers described (4:1–5)
 - b. The pastor’s work against false teachers (4:6–16)
- V. Pastoral ministry with various groups (5–6:2)
 - a. Older and younger, widows, elders, and slaves (5:1–25)
 - b. Concluding exhortations (6:3–19)
 - c. Reiteration of Charge (6:20–21)

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