

“IMPACT: Prayer”
I Timothy 2:1-8

“The life, power, and glory of the church is in prayer...the life of its members is dependent on prayer, and the presence of God is secured and retained by prayer...without it, the church is lifeless and powerless.” - Edward Bounds

I Timothy 2:1-8 *First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling;*

God’s desire for every person.

I Timothy 2:3-4 *This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

God’s gift to every person.

I Timothy 2:5-6 *For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.*

God’s mission is tell every person.

I Timothy 2:7 *For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.*

God’s process to reach every person.

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Question #1: How important is prayer?

God rules the world and His Church through the prayers of His people. That God should have made the extension of His Kingdom to such a large extent dependent on the faithfulness of His people and prayer is a stupendous mystery and yet an absolute certainty. God calls for intercessors: in His grace, He has made His work dependent on them. He waits for them.”-Andrew Murray

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I Timothy 2:1 *... I urge ...*

I Timothy 2:8 *I desire ...*

Prayer is essential to God's mission.

Question #2: How should we pray?

-Pray urgently.

I Timothy 2:1 *First of all, then, I urge that supplications ...*

-Pray desperately.

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"The tragedy of the hour is that the situation is desperate, but the saints are not." - **Vance Havner**

-Pray passionately.

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Ezekiel 22:30 *And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none.*

"When God plans to send a revival, He lays a burden for it on the hearts of those who make themselves available to Him." - **J. Oswald Sanders**

-Pray expectantly.

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I John 5:14-15 *And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.*

Question # 3: What hinders our prayers?

I Timothy 2:8 *I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling;*

-Lack of holiness.

-Lack of unity.

Prayer is the battle.