

Reliable Effective Praying

Grace Bible Chapel

Study of 1 Timothy 2:1-8

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Context: We continue in Paul's pastoral epistle to Timothy. He has warned Timothy of the false teaching moving into the Ephesian church of which Timothy oversees (1 Tim. 1:6-11). After using his own example of God's power and explaining the goal of true Christianity as, "Love from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith" (1 Tim. 1:5). He now emphasizes the need for God's power and care over the assembly. He begins with the big picture of praying for governing authorities so that we may worship unhindered and spread the Gospel without the interference by our sinful culture. Paul emphasizes its importance by his example of God making him, who was the chief of sinners, the apostle to the Gentiles. Paul closes this section with an appeal for a reliable effective prayer life in each assembly. He says it is essential in every place naming the Lord Jesus. The incredible effort of responsibility is because of the exclusive importance of the message.

Outline of 1st Timothy (underlined portion is the immediate context)

I. Introduction (1:1-2):

II. Charge to Maintain Truth (1:3-11)

III. Command to Serve Faithfully (1:12-20)

IV. Command to Pray (2:1-8)

Key Words

- Truth (3)
- Faith
- Intercessions
- Prayers

Introduction:

A. Cause and Focus for Initial Prayers (2:1-4)

B. Case for Why so Important (2:5-7)

C. Credible and Consummate Prayer (2:8)

Closing: