

God's Care Over His Church

Grace Bible Chapel Study of 1 Timothy 2:1-8 July 23rd, 2026

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. This is shown first by the need to pray for an environment whereby the Word can be presented unhindered. God's care over His church will be directly proportional to the prayers of the brethren. He begins with the larger picture of the general wellbeing of the church in its indirect association with governing authorities. The prayer is that God will move on authorities so that the church can exist to spread the Gospel and grow without the intense opposition and interference of our sinful society. This same prayer is timely and needed today in our deteriorating culture. We need the power and protection of our God that we might live as Paul says, "A tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity" (1 Tim. 2:2).

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
- Kings
- Prayers

I. Introduction:

A. Chief Importance for Spiritual Vitality (2:1-2)

1. Concern for Others (2:1)

2. Crucial Christian Refuge (2:2)

B. Conditions for Unhindered Worship (2:3-7)

C. Credible and Consummate Prayer (2:8)

Closing: