



Good & Acceptable (I Timothy 2:1-15)

The Call to Pray

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and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.” I Timothy 2:1-2 NKJV

☑ **Supplication, Prayer, Intercession, Give Thanks**

☑ **Supplication:** the action of asking or begging for something earnestly or humbly.

☑ **Prayer:** Intimate communication with Yahweh, because of Y’shua and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

☑ **Intercession:** the action of intervening on behalf of another. It’s not about you all the time!

☑ **Give Thanks:** It’s always good to be thankful for what we have first, before looking for more!

☑ **...for all men, kings, authorities**

☑ This chapter begins with “Therefore.” It follows a specific subject from which Paul pivots to then expand on how to accomplish such a directive.

☑ **Reminder (the last three verses of chapter one):** “**This charge** I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may **wage the good warfare**, having **faith** and a **good conscience**, which **some having rejected**, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to

Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.” I Timothy 1:18-20 NKJV

- ☑ Because you are charged to wage the good warfare, have faith and a good conscience, and expose those who have rejected such advances, therefore...use these tools! Supplication—Prayer—Intercession—Give Thanks

☑ **Supplication, Prayer, Intercession, Give Thanks for...**

- ☑ **All men...**Let’s not limit the power of these tools to what you think you know and why you should pray. Elsewhere Paul teaches that even if you have no idea what to pray about, just be obedient to do it and the Holy Spirit will jump in and fill in the blanks.

- ☑ “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. **For we do not know what we should pray for** as we ought, but **the Spirit Himself makes intercession** for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what **the mind of the Spirit** is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.” Romans 8:26-27 NKJV

- ☑ **Kings...**Not a bad idea to enter the Throne of Heaven on behalf of the men who have command over your entire

life! Even if it is just to ask the Lord to touch them and visit them!

☑ **Authorities...**As rulership trickles down, any person placed in authority over you, be it secular or spiritual, will be much better at what they do if you would present them before God. You should even activate angels around them. Some angels will guide and protect, some will stand in their way like with Balaam. You won't always know why, but that's okay, God does!

☑ **Why?**

☑ We may not know exactly what to pray for but we do know why and how it will benefit us. We get to live a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. That of itself is worth it!

☑ *"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." 1 Timothy 2:3-4 NKJV*

☑ **I do all these things for a reason!**

☑ **Get saved...**Sometimes your prayers will lead to the redemption of souls. Again, you may not know what God has planned, but regardless of that, He wants you to be involved. You may simply be planting the seed for

someone later who will see it grow, and then someone after them who will enjoy the harvest. It matters not, only that you do your part. And your part is the Supplication, Prayer, Intercession, and Thanksgiving!

- ☑ **Get Truth...**the knowledge of the truth is a powerful thing for those who have authority. It will change the trajectory of everything they touch! Of course, first and foremost, their own personal destiny, but also every life of those upon who they have influence! What a concept. It's like multi-level marketing! You touch one, who touches another and so on...

☑ **Worship in Spirit and Truth**

- ☑ Redeemed by the Spirit and moved by the truth. That is what we are all blessed to have access to when the life of God has taken over...
- ☑ Y'shua taught it to us this way...
 - ☑ "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father **in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.** God is Spirit, and those who worship Him **must worship in spirit and truth.**" John 4:23-24 NKJV
- ☑ Let's circle back now to our context here...just imagine that you are called to wage the good warfare, and the

battle you win yields men and leaders everywhere who are animated by God's Spirit and Truth?

☑ *“For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.” I Timothy 2:5-7 NKJV*

☑ **Who?**

☑ **One God and one Mediator...**this is simple. There is only one way to attain the Spirit and the Truth together. The Scriptures leave no room for any other way. No other religion, no other program, no other self-improvement technique can yield what we are talking about here. It is through Y'shua and Him alone. Period and end of story.

☑ **A Ransom...**a better understanding is redeemed! This is an important distinction. Paul gives us the proper perspective on what the idea of being born again means. The mental picture is this. You were taken hostage by sin and death and there was a ransom demanded for your release. Y'shua came in and paid that ransom and you were freed from your captivity to sins and death. You

need to grasp the magnitude of the price of that ransom.
It was His life for yours!

☑ **How?**

☑ **Preacher, Apostle, and Teacher:** Paul gives a clue into the offices He is called to. If we investigate further we see that there are five offices, three of which Paul has a position. And we can then get a better appreciation for why He is even writing to Timothy who is called to **pastor** and **teach** this Church in Ephesus.

☑ “And He Himself gave some to be **apostles**, some **prophets**, some **evangelists**, and some **pastors** and **teachers**, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;” Ephesians 4:11-13
NKJV

☑ **To whom?**

☑ **Gentiles...**Ironically, after Paul is knocked off his Horse and his whole life is knocked into another universe, he, the Torah Scholar is the mandated to reach the Gentiles!

☑ “But the Lord said to him, “**Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles,**

kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake.""

Acts 9:15-16 NKJV

- ☑ Why would the Gentiles need the Torah expert to evangelize them?
- ☑ **Gentiles will wind up in the Synagogues after their conversion!** ""Known to God from eternity are all His works. Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among **the Gentiles who are turning to God**, but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by **idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood.** For **Moses** has had throughout many generations those who preach him in every city, being read **in the synagogues every Sabbath.**"" Acts 15:18-21 NKJV
- ☑ **Even Torah experts need instruction:** "Then He said to them, "Therefore every **scribe instructed concerning the kingdom** of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old.""
Matthew 13:52 NKJV

In Like Manner...

“I desire therefore that the **men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; in like manner** also, that the **women** adorn themselves in **modest** apparel, with propriety and moderation, **not with** braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works. Let a woman learn in **silence** with all **submission**. And I do not permit a woman to **teach** or to have **authority** over a man, but to be in silence. For **Adam was formed first**, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. Nevertheless she will be **saved in childbearing** if they continue in **faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.**” I Timothy 2:8-15 NKJV

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- ☑ **Men...**

- Pray everywhere...**It's clear what men are called to do. Pray without ceasing, at all times, in all places be in a state of intimacy with God.
- Holy hands...**Holy is set apart. Your hands represent what you do in the world, your actions must be set-apart for Yahweh!
- No Wrath and No Doubts...**a life lived with no malice, anger, bitterness and fear is the testimony the world needs to see. And a life that is lived with a certainty of hearing His voice, and knowing His directives, and acting on such instructions is the call of every man who identifies with the One Mediator!
- In like manner....**
 - Woman have an equal but different role and position.
 - “Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, **as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together** of the grace of life, that your **prayers may not be hindered.**” 1 Peter 3:7 NKJV
 - It's really simple once you can see it. Women are the more sensitive vessel. They carry a greater sensitivity to the Power of Holy Spirit as part of their DNA. Men who carry both Male and Female DNA split their

sensitivities between Authority and Power. Women are primarily receivers of the Holy Spirit and that is why when Husbands ignore them, their prayers are “hindered” or, in other words, they miss what the Spirit is saying.

☑ **Women...as the more sensitive vessel...**

☑ **Modesty...** must not draw attention to themselves as their outer appearance can be quite the distraction from the inner beauty of what God is saying and doing. This is the female equivalent of a state of intimacy with God as we see with the Male Pray Everywhere!

☑ **Godliness...** these “Holy Hands” manifests in a wholistic integrity, and once a woman is no longer intent on emphasizing her outer beauty, she can project holiness, rather than worldliness.

☑ **Good works...** the equivalent of a life that is lived with a certainty of hearing His voice, and knowing His directives, and acting on His instructions!

☑ *“Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.” I Timothy 2:11-12 NKJV*

☑ **The Sound of Silence**

- ☑ First and foremost, if we continue to consider the Woman as the Spirit DNA of God, then we can easily interpret these words without offense or fear of seeing what God calls a difference, as a diminishment.
- ☑ ““But **when the Helper comes**, whom I shall send to you from the Father, **the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father**, He will testify of Me.” John 15:26 NKJV
- ☑ “Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but **if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:**” John 16:7-8 NKJV
- ☑ “However, when He, **the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority**, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.” John 16:13 NKJV
- ☑ Learn in silence...Does not speak on her own volition!
- ☑ Submission...Comes from the Father!
- ☑ Authority...Does not speak on her own authority!

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☑ **Adam, then Eve...there was a reason!**

☑ You could never extract a man from a woman but you can extract a woman from a man. And as Eve was extracted and presented to man, the separation gave the opportunity to want to do her own thing.

☑ And...even as that temptation caused such chaos, her need to reconnect with a man would be universal and permanent.

☑ “To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; **In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.**”” Genesis 3:16 NKJV

☑ **Saved in childbearing**

☑ This should be fairly obvious by now. The extraction of a woman from man and then the command to unify in marriage and to bear fruit culminates in the woman giving birth to our precious Savior.

- ☑ **This is where it all began:** “Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, **“I have acquired a man from the Lord.”**” Genesis 4:1
NKJV
- ☑ **How does a woman fulfill this role?**
 - ☑ Faith: the foundation of all things!
 - ☑ Love: the culmination of all things!
 - ☑ Holiness: the distinction of all things!
 - ☑ Self-control: the “if” of all things!

NEXT WEEK

Qualifications (I Timothy 3:1-16)