

CALL FOR WORLD PRAYER

We started the study of the Book of 1 Timothy in August of 1915. It has taken awhile to get to our lesson text because we stopped several times to teach series of doctrinal lessons.

For example, we stopped in 1 Tim.2:4 to teach seven lessons on the Stages of Spiritual Growth; which led to another series of lesson entitled, Characteristics of Super-Grace. These lessons continue being taught on our Tuesday and Wednesday night Bible studies.

We divided (1 Timothy 2:1-15) into two sections for study.

- 1 Tim 2:1-8 Spiritual role of Christian men in the church.
- 1 Tim 2:9-15 Spiritual role of Christian women in the Church

We divided 2:1-8 into three parts for study.

- 1 Tim 2:1-2 Christian men praying for national leaders.
- 1 Tim 2:3-7 Christian men praying for evangelism and ministry to communities of the nation.
- 1 Tim 2:8 Christian men EVERYWHERE in world unified in praying for these things.

Notice how section one opened: “I urge that entreaties, prayers, petitions, and thanksgiving be made on behalf of all men.” (1 Tim 2:1)

Notice how section one closed: “Therefore, I want the men in **every place to pray**, lifting holy hands, without wrath and dissensions.” (1 Tim 2:8)

This lesson will study four aspects of the Call for World Prayer of Christian men according to 1 Tim.2:1-8.

1. This is not a call for a one day of prayer through-out the world but a call for a daily prayer through-out the world in order to do the Lord’s work within your nation (1 Thess.5:17).

- Who do we pray for in this prayer? - “**For kings and all who are in authority,**” (1 Tim 2:1-2)
- Why do we pray this prayer? – “**in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.**” (1 Tim 2:2)

Why does God want to create a tranquil and quiet national life in all godliness and dignity?

(1 Tim.2:3-4) “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.” (Eph.3:14-21; 6:15)

2. Paul wants Christian men EVERYWHERE to pray lifting holy hands, without wrath and dissension (1 Tim 2:8).

We divided (1 Tim. 2:8) into three parts of the Call for World Prayer to spiritual men of the church.

- **The Purpose:’** “Therefore (oun/ inferential conjunction/ conclusion of 1 Tim 2:1-7)
- **The Plan:** “I want (boulomai/ p.a.ind.1ps) (Acts 22:25-30) the men (tous anthropos/ aplm) in (en+loc of place) every (pas/ lsm) place (topos/ lsm) to pray (proseuchomai/ p.m.infin.),

- **The Procedure:** “**lifting up** (epairo/ p.a.ptc.aplm) **holy hands** (hosios/ aplf) [cheer] without (choris +abl. of separation) **wrath** (orge/ abl.sf) and (kai/ adjunction joining nouns) **dissension** (dialogismos/ abl.sm).” (1 Tim 2:8)

Lifting up holy hands refers to a public display of religious piety.

3. The word holy is NOT hagios (hagios is based on character of God) but hosios (spiritual character of believer).

Hosios refers to the spiritual character of the believer being developed by spiritual growth through the inhale and exhale of the Word of God (2 Tim.3:16-17; 2 Thess.1:3).

(1 Thess.2:10) “You are witnesses, and so is God, how **devoutly (hosios)** and upright and blameless we behaved towards you believers. “ (1 Thess.10-13)

We are currently in a study on this type of Spiritual Growth on Tuesday and Wednesday.

(Eph.4:24) “And put on the new self, which is the likeness of God created in righteousness and holiness (hosiotēs) and the truth.” (Eph.4:22-24; Rom.12:2 (Spiritual Transformation)

4. Paul issued a warning regarding what would most likely hinder this type of prayer from being answered or even prayed.

(1 Tim.2:8) “**without (choris)** [apart or separate from] **wrath (orge)** and **dissension (dialogismos).**”

Orge is the spiritual unresolved mental attitude sin of anger. Orge is the abiding in the unresolved and unforgiving hurt feelings of anger. It is anger that wants to settle the score, and may want a pound of flesh. It grieves the Indwelling Holy Spirit (Eph.4:30-32; Col.3:8; James 1:19-20).

Dialogismos is an unresolved dispute arising from differing views on spiritual matters (Rom.14-15). As an unresolved dispute, it is being pondered over and over in one’s mind. You can’t or won’t let it go. “**Do** (poieo/ p.a.impv.2pl) **all things without (choris) grumbling and disputing**; that you may prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, holding fast the word of God, so that in the day of Christ I may have cause to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.” (Phil.2:14-16/ **note 6 things**)

Stop arguing and start praying! (Col.3:15)

“THEREFORE I WANT MEN IN EVERY PLACE TO PRAY.”