

# 1 Timothy 2 - The Necessity of Prayer

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## 1 Timothy 2:1-8

1 I EXHORT THEREFORE, THAT, **FIRST OF ALL, SUPPLICATIONS** (*deesis - petition, request, a need*), **PRAYERS** (*proseuche - earnest prayer, worship*), **INTERCESSIONS** (*enteuxis - a falling in with, meeting with, intercession, interview*), **AND GIVING OF THANKS, BE MADE FOR ALL MEN;**

*Isaiah 56:7*

*"Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people."*

2 **FOR KINGS, AND FOR ALL THAT ARE IN AUTHORITY; THAT WE MAY LEAD A QUIET AND PEACEABLE LIFE IN ALL GODLINESS AND HONESTY.**

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

4 **WHO WILL HAVE ALL MEN TO BE SAVED, AND TO COME UNTO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH.**

*2 Peter 3:9*

*"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."*

5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

8 **I WILL THEREFORE THAT MEN PRAY EVERYWHERE, LIFTING UP HOLY HANDS, WITHOUT WRATH AND DOUBTING.**

**WHEN WE FAIL TO PRAY, we've lost the purpose of life.**

**2 Corinthians 5:9-11**

9 **WHEREFORE WE LABOUR, THAT, WHETHER PRESENT OR ABSENT, WE MAY BE ACCEPTED OF HIM.**

10 **FOR WE MUST ALL APPEAR BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST;** that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

11 **KNOWING THEREFORE THE TERROR OF THE LORD,** we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

**WHEN WE FAIL TO PRAY, we've lost our need of God.**

*"God must do everything for us. Our part is to yield and trust." — [A.W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God](#)*

**Matthew 26:41**

**"WATCH AND PRAY, THAT YE ENTER NOT INTO TEMPTATION: THE SPIRIT INDEED IS WILLING, BUT THE FLESH IS WEAK."**

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10**

9 And he said unto me, **MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR THEE: FOR MY STRENGTH IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS.** Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: **FOR WHEN I AM WEAK, THEN AM I STRONG.**

*"God had to bring Abraham to the end of his own strength, and to let him see that in his own body he could do nothing. He had to consider his own body as good as dead, and then take God for the whole work; and when he looked away from himself, and trusted God alone, then he became fully persuaded that what He had promised, He was able to perform.*

*That is what God is teaching us, and He has to keep away encouraging results until we learn to trust without them, and then He loves to make His Word real in fact as well as faith."*

*--A. B. Simpson*

**WHEN WE FAIL TO PRAY, we've lost abiding in God.**

**John 15:4-7**

4 **ABIDE IN ME, AND I IN YOU.** As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: **FOR WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING.**

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 **IF YE ABIDE IN ME, AND MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU, YE SHALL ASK WHAT YE WILL, AND IT SHALL BE DONE UNTO YOU.**

**WHEN WE FAIL TO PRAY, we've lost compassion for others.**

**Romans 1:9**

"For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that **WITHOUT CEASING I MAKE MENTION OF YOU ALWAYS IN MY PRAYERS.**"

**Ephesians 6:11-18**

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 **FOR WE WRESTLE NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD, BUT AGAINST PRINCIPALITIES, AGAINST POWERS, AGAINST THE RULERS OF THE DARKNESS OF THIS WORLD, AGAINST SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS IN HIGH PLACES.**

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

**18 PRAYING ALWAYS WITH ALL PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION IN THE SPIRIT, AND WATCHING THEREUNTO WITH ALL PERSEVERANCE AND SUPPLICATION FOR ALL SAINTS.**

**WHEN WE FAIL TO PRAY, we've lost sight of the invisible.**

*“How strong is the snare of the things that are seen, and how necessary for God to keep us in the things that are unseen! If Peter is to walk on the water he must walk; if he is going to swim, he must swim, but he cannot do both. If the bird is going to fly it must keep away from fences and the trees, and trust to its buoyant wings. But if it tries to keep within easy reach of the ground, it will make poor work of flying.”*

--A. B. Simpson

**2 Corinthians 4:16-18**

16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

18 **WHILE WE LOOK NOT AT THE THINGS WHICH ARE SEEN, BUT AT THE THINGS WHICH ARE NOT SEEN:** for the things which are seen are temporal; **BUT THE THINGS WHICH ARE NOT SEEN ARE ETERNAL.**