# 1 Timothy 2:1-15 **Exhortation to Prayer and Thanksgiving**

Pray for Governing Authorities and all men

<sup>1</sup> Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. <sup>3</sup> For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

### Christ Jesus the only Mediator between God and man

<sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, <sup>7</sup> 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.

# Believing Prayer – Adornment of Women

8 I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; 9 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, 10 but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.

#### Women to Learn in Silence

11 Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. 12 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. 15 Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control. NKJV

#### Facts Revealed:

Pray for Governing Authorities and all men [1 Timothy 2:1-4]

- Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men.
  - ♦ Paul has been addressing the false doctrine of the Judaizers and the fact that they had successfully drawn some of the Church away from the pure Gospel of faith and love from a pure heart, into the trap of Judaism and its works based on the doctrines of men.
  - ❖ Recognizing the power in the prayer of the Saints, Paul commands them to pray for all men everywhere, and all in authority, including kings and civic leaders both local, national, and governing.
  - ♦ The purpose of praying for Governing authorities, is that believers might live quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and reverence.
  - ❖ This is not a self indulgent life, but a life of purity and righteousness on the part of the Saints.
  - ❖ This is good and acceptable to God our Savior, because He desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the Truth. Without knowledge of the truth we have nothing to believe for Salvation or righteousness.
  - ♦ Peter said that The Lord is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. [2 Peter 3:9]
  - ❖ We may not be able to persuade people to accept the truth of the Gospel message, yet as a result of our prayer, the Holy Spirit may draw them to repentance through the message preached.

- ❖ Therefore, The Lord wants us to be faithful in prayer for all men including the unbelieving, and include a petition in our prayers for their Salvation.
- ❖ To receive Salvation, a person needs to find the knowledge of the truth in order to know what and who to believe and to believe in.

# Christ Jesus the only Mediator between God and man [1 Timothy 2:5-7]

- There is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.
  - ♦ Jesus gave Himself as a ransom for all, providing the Blood of Atonement acceptable to
    God on behalf of the sins of the world for everyone who believes.
  - ♦ The result of the power of our redemption will be evident in due time.
  - ❖ The proclamation of our redemption is the message for which Paul was appointed a preacher and an Apostle.
  - → Paul assured the believers that his message of Salvation is speaking the truth in Christ, and it is not a lie.
  - ♦ Paul was appointed as a teacher of faith and truth to the Gentiles.

### Believing Prayer – Adornment of Women

- For prayer to be effective, men must be pure enough to **lift up holy hands** to God.
  - ♦ If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear. [Psalm 66:18]
  - ♦ When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; Even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood. [Isaiah 1:15]
  - ♦ Your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear. [Isaiah 59:2]
  - ♦ When we pray, we must be free from wrath and doubt. God will not listen to the words of wrath or the heart of doubt.

# Adornment of Women [1 Timothy 2:9-10]

- ♥ Women are to wear modest apparel, with respectability and moderation which is proper for women professing godliness. [1 Timothy 2:9-10, 1 Peter 3:3-5]
  - ♦ Good works are fitting for godly women.
  - ♦ Flashy clothing and jewelry is not appropriate for a holy woman.

### Women to Learn in Silence [1 Timothy 2 11-15]

- ♣ Let a woman learn in silence with all submission.
  - ♦ Disruptiveness in the worship and learning assembly is not appropriate behavior.
  - ♦ Authority and Responsibility in relationships follow the established chain of command.
  - → God the Father is head of Jesus Christ, Jesus is the head of man, and man is the head of woman.
  - ♦ Therefore the woman is under the protection of her husband's authority, the man is under the protection of Jesus Christ's authority, and Jesus is under the protection of God. [Numbers 30:1-9]
  - ❖ Therefore, Paul said he does not permit a woman to teach or have authority over a man, but to remain silent in the learning assembly.
  - → Paul pointed out the first sin came into the world when the woman was deceived and ate of the forbidden fruit.
  - ♦ Adam was formed first and then Eve.
  - ♦ Adam was not deceived, but sinned knowingly. Therefore, God placed the woman under the authority of her husband, so God could hold the husband responsible for his wife's behavior. [Genesis 3:16, Ephesians 5:22-33]
  - ❖ The power by which wives will be saved in childbearing, is dependant on the fact that they steadfastly continue in faith, love, and holiness with self-control, just as for men.

- ♦ Therefore the wife is equal to her husband in Salvation, she is only subject to him in authority and responsibility. [Galatians 3:26-28]
   ♦ Believing faith saves one as well as the other.