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Concern For All
1 Timothy 1:18-2:8
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



In our second week looking at the book of 1 Timothy we will see Paul's first instruction to Timothy. Paul urges him to hold firm to the faith and to continue to press on in the work that needs to be done; he must fight the good fight. The first way in which Timothy is to do the work is to pray for all people. This sounds like a simple and obvious task but it is foundational to the work of the church. When we pray for others it reveals our heart and concern for them. It is difficult to pray for someone and to still lash out against them. Our prayers also reveal a dependence on God that is essential for all good works. Timothy has a challenging job before him and he cannot do it in his own strength, but only in the strength of God. Join us this week as we talk about what it looks like for us to pray for others while seeking a quiet and peaceful life.

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone — for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

1 Timothy 2:1-2



1 TIMOTHY 1:18-2:8 NET

18 I put this charge before you, Timothy my child, in keeping with the prophecies once spoken about you, in order that with such encouragement you may fight the good fight. 19 To do this you must hold firmly to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck in regard to the faith. 20 Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.

Prayer for All People

1 First of all, then, I urge that requests, prayers, intercessions, and thanks be offered on behalf of all people, 2 even for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. 3 Such prayer for all is good and welcomed before God our Savior, 4 since he wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one intermediary between God and humanity, Christ Jesus, himself human, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, revealing God's purpose at his appointed time. 7 For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle – I am telling the truth; I am not lying – and a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. 8 So I want the men to pray in every place, lifting up holy hands without anger or dispute.

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. What other areas of Scripture are directly related to this passage that might help us understand this passage better?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. What is the charge to Timothy?

9. What will help Timothy fulfill his charge?

10. What types of prayers should Timothy offer for all men?

11. What type of life should Timothy seek as a result of his prayers?

12. What does it mean for Jesus to be our intermediary?

13. What are the characteristics of the prayer that is instructed in verse 8?

14. Name two or three important statements from verse 5.

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

15. Why is it important for us to pray for others today? List the many good reasons.

16. What does praying for others reveal about our heart?

17. What does this passage say is God's desire for all people? How can our church reflect this desire?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes