

THE PRACTICE OF PRAYER

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Introduction:

Prayer is talking to God – It is the direct address to God. It is the communication of the human soul with the God who created the soul. Prayer is the primary way for the Believer in Christ Jesus to communicate his emotions and desires with God and to fellowship with God (Got Questions).

- I. **The Priority of Prayer** (v. 1a)
 - A. **“I Exhort”** – I urge, I encourage, I beg you to pray.
 - B. **“First of All”** – this phrase stresses the supreme importance of prayer above all else – before all else – pray for all men

- II. **The Elements of Prayer** (v. 1b)

Paul lists four elements that should be a part of our prayers:

 - A. **“Supplications”** – refers to the idea of request – prayers that focus upon special needs – deep and intense needs.
 - B. **“Prayers”** – refers to special times of prayer that we set aside for devotion and worship.
We are to have times set aside to pray for all men.
 - C. **“Intercessions”** – refers to prayers on behalf of others; Bold prayers; standing in the gap between others and God.
 - D. **“Giving of Thanks”** – Thanksgiving

- III. **The Objects of Prayer** (vv. 1c-2)
 - A. **“Pray for all Men”**
 - B. **Pray for “those in authority”**

- IV. **The Reasons for Prayer** (vv. 2b-4)
 - A. “That we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty (v. 2)
 - B. “Good and Acceptable in the Sight of God” (v. 3)
 - C. God is pleased when prayers are offered in the Spirit of Humility.
 - D. God’s will and desire is to see that all men be saved and **come to the saving knowledge of the truth** (v. 4).

Conclusion:

- A. **The Practice of Prayer includes:**
 1. The Priority of Prayer
 2. The Elements of Prayer
 3. The Objects of Prayer, and
 4. The Reasons for Prayer
- B. “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”(1 Tim 2:5-6).
- C. **Romans Road – (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)**

“... but the word of our God shall stand for ever (Isa 40:8).