

## GUIDELINES FOR PRAYER

### 1 Timothy 2:1-8

#### INTRODUCTION:

Prayer is having a personal relationship with God. It involves communication with God. Talking and listening to God. Prayer is a practice – It must be done again and again. Prayer is a must for the Believer

- “Pray without ceasing” (1 Thess 5:17).

In this message, we will study four Guidelines for Prayer:

- I. CHRISTIANS ARE URGED TO PRAY (v. 1a)
  - A. “I Exhort” – I urge (Exhortation to pray) – (1 Thess 5:17-18)
  - B. “First of All” – first in order, rank, and importance; above all else, supreme importance,
  - C. Prayer should be systematic (Regular) – (Daniel 6:10)
  - D. Christ Prayed to His Father (Mark 1:35; Jer 33:3; John 16:23; Heb 4:16)
  - E. Scripture Tells us to Pray (Eph 6:18)
  - F. The Urgent Prayer (Ps 27:7-9)
  
- II. CHRISTIANS ARE URGED TO PRAY FOR OTHERS (v. 1b; 2a)
  - A. We are to pray for all people in general – “All Men” (v. 1b)
  - B. Pray for All that are in Authority (v. 2a)
  
- III. CHRISTIANS HAVE GODLY REASONS TO PRAY
  - A. The Primary Reason We Should pray (v. 4-6; 2 Pet 3:9; John 14:6; Rom 5:8; 1 Cor 15:3-4)
  - B. The Secondary Reason We Should Pray (v. 2; Acts 5:29; Matt 22:29; Rom 13:9; 12:17; 1 Thess 4:12)
  
- IV. CHRISTIANS HAVE A GODLY WAY TO PRAY (v. 8)
  - A. We are to Pray in Holiness (in fellowship with God – (Ps 66:18)
  - B. We are to pray “without wrath” (in fellowship with other people) – (Eph 4:32)
  - C. We are to pray “without doubting” (in fellowship with self) – (Mark 11:24; James 1:6-7)

#### CONCLUSION:

- A. Guidelines for Prayer
- B. E. M. Bounds on Prayer
- C. “For the Christian, prayer should be like breathing – (Michael Green).
- D. ABC’s of Salvation

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