

ASPECTS OF PRAYER

1 Timothy 2:1-4

INTRODUCTION:

Prayer is having a personal relationship with God. It involves Communication with God.

Prayer is Praising God.

- “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men” (1 Tim 2:1).
- The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr said. “To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”

I. THE PRIORITY OF PRAYER (v. 1a)

- A. “I Exhort” – I urge (1 Thess 5:17-18)
- B. “First of All” – first in order, rank, and importance
- C. Prayer should be Systematic – Regular (Daniel 6:10)

II. THE TYPES OF PRAYER (v. 1b)

- A. “Supplication” - Requests
- B. “Prayer” – All communication with God
- C. “Intercession” – Prayers on behalf of others
- D. “Giving of Thanks” – Thanksgiving (Eph 5:20)

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 goodness and honesty” (v. 2)
- B. “Good and acceptable in the sight of God” (v. 3)
- C. God is pleased when prayers are offered in a spirit of humility (v. 13; Luke 18:9-4)
- D. God’s ultimate will is for all men to be saved (v. 4; Eph 1:7; 2 Pet 3:9; John 1:29)

CONCLUSION:

A. “The greatest thing anyone can do for God and man is pray. It is not the only thing, but it is the chief thing. The greatest people on earth are the people who pray. I do not mean those who talk about prayer; nor those who say they believe in prayer; nor yet those who can explain about prayer; but I mean those people who take time to pray.” – S.D. Gordon

B. **PRAY! – PRAY! – PRAY!**

C. **ROMANS ROAD (Rom 3:10, 23;5:8; 10:9, 13)**

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