

1 Timothy 2 (New King James Version)

Pray for All Men

1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, 7 for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am speaking the truth in Christ^[a] *and* not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Men and Women in the Church

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. 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.

Footnotes:

- a. [1 Timothy 2:7](#) NU-Text omits *in Christ*.

1 Timothy 2 (New Living Translation)

Instructions about Worship

1 I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. As you make your requests, plead for God's mercy upon them, and give thanks. 2 Pray this way for kings and all others who are in authority, so that we can live in peace and quietness, in godliness and dignity. 3 This is good and pleases God our Savior, 4 for he wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. 5 For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and people. He is the man Christ Jesus. 6 He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message that God gave to the world at the proper time. 7 And I have been chosen--this is the absolute truth--as a preacher and apostle to teach the Gentiles about faith and truth.

8 So wherever you assemble, I want men to pray with holy hands lifted up to God, free from anger and controversy. 9 And I want women to be modest in their appearance. They should wear decent and appropriate clothing and not draw attention to themselves by the way they fix their hair or by wearing gold or pearls or expensive clothes. 10 For women who claim to be devoted to God should make themselves attractive by the good things they do.

11 Women should listen and learn quietly and submissively. 12 I do not let women teach men or have authority over them. Let them listen quietly. 13 For God made Adam first, and afterward he made Eve. 14 And it was the woman, not Adam, who was deceived by Satan, and sin was the result. 15 But women will be saved through childbearing^[a] and by continuing to live in faith, love, holiness, and modesty.

Footnotes:

- a. [1 Timothy 2:15](#) Or *will be saved by accepting their role as mothers, or will be saved by the birth of the Child*.

Class #03 - Prayer, Evangelism Men & Women's Roles

1 Timothy 2:1-15

Galatians 3:24: Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith

Prayer (1 Timothy 2:1-8)

1. What is the significance/purpose to Paul's instruction to pray for all men? (What does he mean by the '*Therefore*')
2. Why are "Kings and all who are in authority" given special mention, and to what purpose does this ultimately lead to?
3. Why does Paul desire for prayer to be offered with the lifting of Holy Hands? How about the absence of wrath and doubting?
4. How does this relate to the role of prayer in the Church/our church today?

The Role Men & Women (1 Timothy 2: 8-15)

1. Verse 11 and 12, give instruction that women are to learn in silence and to not teach, To what extent is this instruction to be carried out (Titus 2:3, Acts 18:26)?

2. Read verse 11, 12, In light of the following interpretation/quotes what do you think it means in terms of the role of women in the Church??

Teach/have authority over men: "Authority" refers to the divine calling of spiritual, gifted men to take primary responsibility to elders for Christ-like, servant-leadership, and teaching in the church.

Silence/quiet: "Submission refers to the divine calling of the rest of the church, [...] to honor and affirm the leadership of the elders to be equipped by [...] various ministries available to men and women in the service of Christ."

3. Why might Paul give such an instruction and allude to Adam and Eve? How do you think it should be applied today?

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