

Praying for the main things

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Intro: The purpose of this book (1 Timothy 3:15)

- *Living as God's people in a world needing truth*

I. Pray for WHOM? We must pray to benefit all people (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

A. We should pray about the needs of others and thank God for everyone (2:1).

B. We should pray for governing authorities to allow us to live peaceful, godly lives (2:2).

II. Pray for WHAT? We must pray for all because God desires all to be saved (1 Timothy 2:3-7).

A. We pray: Praying for all pleases God who desires all to be saved (2:3-4; 2 Peter 3:9; John 3:16-18).

B. God saves: Jesus paid it all (2:5-6).

1. *Mediator*: There is one God and Jesus is the only mediator between God and man (5).

2. *Ransom*: Jesus is the only way to heaven because He paid the only payment for sin (6).

C. We tell: God works to save people as believers tell unbelievers about faith in Christ (2:7).