

## 1 Timothy, Chapter 2

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## 1 Timothy 2:1

- Supplications / petitions / requests / entreaties—prayers for specific, keenly felt needs
- Prayers—general term—for needs that are always present
- Intercessions—presentation of a case, intense pleading for others
- Thanksgivings—expressing gratitude for others

## 1 Timothy 2:1-2

- Pray for “all men [people] without distinction of race, nationality, or social position.”
- ανθρωπος = (*anthropos*) mankind; men and women (used in 2:1, 4, 5)
- ανηρ = (*aneer, andros*) male (2:8)

## 1 Timothy 2:1-2

- Pray for “all men without distinction of race, nationality, or social position.”
- Think of categories of people such as Jews & Gentiles, rich & poor, kings & subjects.
- Pray especially for rulers that they will allow us to live peaceful & quiet lives (2:2).

May God bless and keep the Czar far away from us!



## 1 Timothy 2:2

- Pray especially for rulers that they will allow us to live peaceful & quiet lives—in godliness and dignity.
- Living a godly life includes sharing the gospel with those around us.
- We should be thankful that we have this freedom now and be sure to exercise it.

## Revelation 7:9-10

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

## Mediator

- Someone who acts as a go-between to reconcile two opposing parties—can fairly represent both
- *μεσίτης* (*mesitēs*)—derives from the Greek adjective *mesos*, which means “in the middle”
- Jesus is both God and man—unique—the only possible mediator

## Mediator

- Job 9:32-33—“For He is not a man as I am that I may answer Him, That we may go to court together. There is no umpire between us, Who may lay his hand upon us both.”
- John 14:6—Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

## Mediator

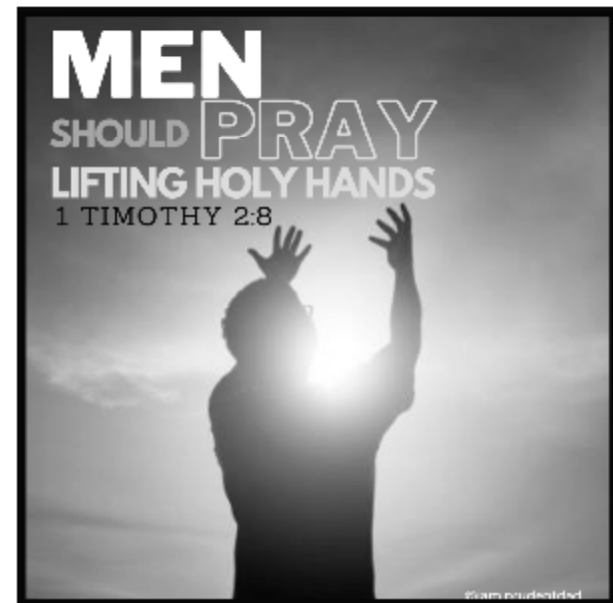
- Acts 4:12—And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.
- John 15:13—Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

## Mediator

- Romans 8:34—Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

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Bust of an Aristocratic Roman Woman

## 1 Timothy 2:9-10

- Be neat, clean, stylish, and comfortable.
- Show your personality.
- Dress appropriately for the occasion.
- These verses are NOT saying that a woman should deliberately try to look unattractive.

## 1 Timothy 2:9-10

- Do not be provocative or distracting.
- Do not wear revealing clothing that would cause a man to have to fight his thoughts.
- Be kind and considerate.
- Mothers of teen sons and well as wives will thank you.

## 1 Timothy 2:9-10

- Our purpose in going to church is not to show off our wealth or physical beauty. We should dress as well as we can to show respect, but we shouldn't distract others from worship & instruction.
- If people comment a great deal about our clothing, or if all eyes follow us when we enter a room, something is wrong.

### 3 Objections to 1 Timothy 2:11-12

1. This is just Paul's opinion.
2. Paul himself taught that men and women are spiritually equal in Galatians 3:28.
3. This teaching reflects the culture of Paul's day, but it doesn't apply today.

### Answers to the 3 Objections

1. See 2 Peter 3:14-16. ". . . just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, as also in all his letters, . . . which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction."
  - Paul was communicating God's truth.

### Answers to the 3 Objections

2. Re. Galatians 3:28—Yes, men & women do have spiritual equality, but they have different God-given roles in the church.
3. Paul's references to the order of creation and the Fall show that the instruction is not merely cultural, but foundational.

### 1 Timothy 2:15

- The Greek says "saved through the childbearing" and refers to the birth of Jesus, who came to be the Savior of the world. Cf. Gen. 3:15.
- "Saved" here doesn't mean spiritual salvation through any of her own works (Eph. 3:8-9), but it could mean that her joyful acceptance of her God-given role of motherhood shows her faith.

## To Think About

- Instead of focusing on what you can't do; focus on the many places you can serve. (The Garden of Eden contained many other trees.)
- Don't take your standards from ever-changing sinful human culture.
- God is not conforming to us; we are to conform to Him.

## To Think About

- 1 John 5:3—For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.
- John 14:15—[Jesus said,] “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”