

## **1 Tim 2:1-7 – PRAYER TO CARRY OUT GOD’S DESIRE FOR MAN’S SALVATION**

- I. Importance of a proper prayer life (v.1):
  - A. A prerequisite for having a proper church life is to have a prayer life
  - B. A proper prayer life is a life that puts prayer as the priority
    - 1) Instead of working first, we should pray first
    - 2) Our prayers should not be light or superficial; they must be thorough
  - C. In mentioning petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings, Paul’s spirit was very burdened concerning the importance of prayer (v.1)
    - 1) Prayer is general, having worship and fellowship as its essence; petition is special, being for particular needs (Philippians 4:6)
    - 2) Intercession denotes an approaching of God in a personal and confiding manner
- II. Leading a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and gravity (v.2):
  - A. A tranquil and quiet life is one that is peaceful, still, and without disturbance
    - 1) not only peaceful outwardly in circumstances, but also inwardly in our heart and spirit
  - B. Godliness refers to be like God and to express Him
  - C. Gravity is a qualification of human character which is worthy of utmost respect
    - 1) It implies dignity and inspires and invites honor
  - D. Our Christian life should express God toward man with an honorable character that invites man’s utmost respect
- III. God’s desire being man’s salvation (v.3 – v.7) :
  - A. In verse 3 Paul emphasizes the Savior God. Hence he speaks of the God who saves us
  - B. The desire of God is so that all man to be saved unto the full knowledge of the truth (v.4)
    - 1) Truth means reality, denoting the real things revealed in God’s Word, which is Christ
    - 2) Full knowledge denotes a complete realization, thus God desires all man to come to a complete realization of Christ
    - 3) He is the only one qualified to be the Mediator, the go-between, of God and men (v.5)
  - C. The testimony refers to Christ giving Himself as a ransom for all men (v.6)
  - D. Paul was appointed a herald, an apostle and a teacher for the proclamation of the testimony mentioned in verse 6
    - 1) A herald is a proclaimer of the gospel of Christ, an official reporter of God’s New Testament economy
    - 2) An apostle is one sent by God with a divine commission to setup churches for God, an ambassador from God to the world for carrying out of His purpose;
    - 3) A teacher is a tutor who defines, explains, and teaches the contents of God’s eternal purpose and His New Testament economy
  - E. Paul was appointed to be a herald, an apostle, and a teacher in the sphere and element of faith and truth (v.7)
    - 1) Faith here refers to the faith in Christ
    - 2) Truth here refers to the reality of all the things revealed in the New Testament
- IV. Although God has a desire to save people, He can only save people through man (Acts 10)
  - A. The commission to save people was entrusted only to man
  - B. God today waits on man’s prayer to carry out his desire