

The Priority Of Prayer

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1Timothy 2:1-7 (Kaoru)

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.” (1Timothy 2:1-2, ESV)

Introduction

“First of all...” means just that, first priority. In the gathering of the church of Jesus Christ, prayer should be foremost. Why? Well when we consider that God’s intention for the place where He would meet with prayer should be a “house of prayer for all the nations” (Isa56:7, Mt21:13, Mk11:17, Lk19:46), it’s of course, fitting that we should above all pray when we gather, but also as Paul explains to Timothy in verse 2: “that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way” (ESV).

1. First of all we must pray. (vv.1-2)

- a) Supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving are to be made for everyone.
- b) Pray for human authorities—kings, presidents, CEO’s, generals, chiefs, etc.

2. Prayer on behalf of others is good and pleasing to God. (vv.3-4)

- a) Petitioning, waiting on God, praying for others and thanking God for others is good.
- b) Because God wants all to come to repentance and so to receive His salvation.

3. We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior of all. (vv.5-7)

- a) There is only one God and only one mediator between man and God: Jesus Christ.
- b) That is why we pray to the Father in Jesus’ Name on behalf of anyone and everyone.

Conclusion

If we do nothing else when two or more gather in Jesus’ Name, we should pray.

For our prayerful study, discussion and application

- 1) Read verses 1-2. Study what each word describing prayer here means.
- 2) Talk about what you were reminded about prayer or learned anew here.
- 3) Make time this week to pray for the leaders of your city and nation.

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