

“PRAYER, POLITICS AND PEACE”

I Timothy 2:1-4

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As we look around our world, it becomes evident that the hope of every person on earth is a peaceful and quiet life. Peace is a commodity of great value. History is marked by how little or how much of it existed in each era. Nations are marked by how much of it they can provide. Authors are marked by how eloquently they can praise it, and politicians and leaders are marked by how well they promote it.

A thing is precious because it is rare!

As we digest the outcome of a political race in this country, the question must be asked, “What is God’s opinion regarding power, politics and peace?” What would He have us do...today?

THE CONTEXT

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Paul reminds Timothy that it is God who saves and changes the direction of men's lives!

WHAT DOES GOD WANT FROM ME?

Paul gives Timothy a **prime directive...pray!**

- Entreaties = root “to **lack**, to be **deprived** of.”
 - ▶ A prayer that arises from their need:
 - ✓ for **salvation**.
 - ✓ for **wisdom**, courage, etc.
- Prayers = generic term for prayer focused on **worship**.
 - ▶ A prayer that they would see **things** as God **sees** them, **agreeing** with God.

- Petitions = to “fall in” with someone.
 - ▶ A prayer of **advocacy**, sympathy, “getting **involved** with them through prayer.”
- Thanksgiving = the believer is to be **thankful**:
 - ▶ the offer of **salvation** is made to all men.
 - ▶ that God is in **control**.
 - ▶ for those God places in **authority** (Romans 13:1, 2).
- As believers, we are commissioned to pray this way for **all men**...yes, even **them**.
- This is God’s plan, even for **tyrants**.
- Like **fingers** on a hand we are to wrap our leaders up in these four areas of **evangelistic** prayer.

WHAT'S THE GOAL?

- A **peaceful** life
 - ▶ Tranquil = free from outside **disturbances** and **political** agitation.
 - ▶ Peaceful = free from **inner** disturbances.
- A **godly** reputation
 - ▶ We are called to be an example:
 - ✓ in how we **act**.
 - ✓ in what we **rely on** to get things done!

WRAP UP

- This is God's top **agenda** for **us**.
- Our struggle with this **agenda** reveals how little we **trust God** and how much we trust our **own power**.
- Our reaction will impact our **heart, home** and the **many** who are watching.