

Instructions on Prayer

I Timothy 2:1-8

Introduction:

1. Communication is important in many aspects of life.
2. The Father communicates to us daily if we study His Word as we ought.
3. We communicate to Him in two ways: the way we live, and prayer.

Discussion:

- I. For whom are we to pray?
 - A. We are to pray for all men (2:1)
 - B. We are to pray for those in authority (2:2).
 - C. This would even include our enemies (Mt. 5:44).
- II. Why are we to pray for all men and those in authority?
 - A. To lead a tranquil life.
 1. Living free from outward disturbances.
 2. Peaceable.
 - B. To live a quiet life.
 1. Living free from inner turmoil.
 2. Peace within self.
 - C. To live a life dedicated to God.
 - D. To live a life respected by men.
 - E. It is good and acceptable in the sight of God (2:3).
 - F. Pray that these men have the opportunity to know Jesus (2:4-7).
- III. How are we to pray?
 - A. Men are to pray in every place (2:8a).
 - B. Pray by lifting up holy hands (listen to the explanation 2:8b).
 - C. Pray without wrath and dissension (2:8c).

Conclusion:

1. Prayer is a necessary element of communication when it comes to speaking to God and having our petitions made known to Him.
2. Have you come to know Jesus the Christ? We pray that you take advantage of the opportunity before you to know Him.

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