

Pray the Right Way: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Why pray? Ministry Principle _____ **We are a house of prayer.**

KEY: In prayer, God has given us a way to _____ Him!

Understand: Prayerlessness is a declaration of independence from God.

I. _____? Vs 1a

1. **The** _____ **of prayer.**

- There must be a proper order in the church.
“I exhort therefore,” = what’s it there for?
1 Tim 1:18-20; Eph 6:18-20 – we are to be engaged in a spiritual battle.
- “FIRST OF ALL” (make all kinds of prayer!)

We spend too much time _____ when we should be much in prayer!
No prayer, many **frustrations**. Much prayer, much **peace**.

2. **The** _____ **of prayer.**

1. **Supplications** – offering a request for needs / felt needs.
Ex: Dan 9:17-23 (Daniel for Israel) Gen 18:20-33 (Abe for Lot)
Seeing need: your discontent should fuel prayer for God to do what only God can do.
2. **Prayers** – the most common term. Petitions. 1 Thes 5:17
3. **Intercessions** – petitions to God for another.
4. **Giving of thanks** – self explanatory. Example: Ps 103 – it’s all just praise!
Contentment should fuel the prayer of thanksgiving and praise.

These 4 points make up the formula! Phil 4:6-7

KNOW: God cares about you. He wants to hear from you about all that troubles you. **1 Pt 5:6-7**

Prayers must be MADE!

KEY: People really pray when they can see reality. That drives Kingdom prayer!

II. _____? Vs 1b

- God wants us to make all kinds of prayers for all kinds of men.
Who does that leave out?
- We must pray for government rulers. Vs 2
When Paul wrote this Nero, a godless psychopath, was on the throne!



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III. _____? Vs 2b

1. *So that we are able to live our lives for Christ _____!*

2. *So that God who desires the salvation of all men will be _____.* Vs 3

“Who will have all men to be saved,” Vs 4a. *That’s _____.* 2 Pt 3:9

“and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.” Vs 4b. *That’s _____.*

3. *Because Christ Himself is the _____ for our prayers.* Vs 5a

- Job’s complaint about God was that there was no referee with God. Job 9:32-
- This is God’s ultimate answer to not just Job, but to you and I today!
We have a “go between.” Jesus is our daysman, our mediator.
He is the only one that could, as He is both God and man! **1 Tim 3:16**
- BTW: This is why we pray in Jesus’ name. John 15:16; 16:23
- *How has Jesus bridged us to God?* Vs 6
The infinite God has paid the price to buy all of man out of the slavery of sin. Heb 2:9
- Notice vs 5-6: it doesn’t say that OUR mediator is praying for the _____. John 17:9-10
God commands _____ to pray for all men...
....because he wants all men to be _____! Vs 1
Moreover – you need to talk to more than just God.

KEY: We must be _____ what we are _____. Vs 7
2 Cor 5:18-19

- **Btw: the reverse is true too... We should pray what we preach.**
Sourcing your prayers in God’s Word will transform your life!

IV. _____? Vs 8

Here is how men pray.

- **Every** _____. In every situation, for every cause, for every need, in every place...
- **Lifting up** _____ **hands**. Ps 66:18-20; 2 Sam 22:21; Ps 24:3-4
- **Without wrath and doubting.**
-There can be no _____ in prayer.
-No doubt. Heb 11:6



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