

1 Timothy

Lesson 2: 1 Timothy 2

Paul's desire for the church was to focus on God's plan for His church. In chapter 2, Paul wrote to Timothy about the centrality of prayer in the local church. Prayer must be central in the life of the church, and especially prayer for the lost. Paul also wrote about the role of women in the church. Sadly, many churches today have given into the pressures of feminism and have turned away from God's plan for men and women in the church. They seek to be culturally relevant instead of Christ-centered. As we strive to be a biblical church who stands on the truth of God's Word, let's dive in and see what God tells us about His plan for His church.

➤ **Read 1 Timothy 2:1–8**

1. In verse 1, what four words does Paul use to describe prayer in the church?
2. Who does Paul tell us to pray for in verse 1?
3. In verse 2, what two categories of people does Paul tell us to pray for?

Application: How are you doing in praying for the salvation of our leaders? In what ways is this a struggle for you? How can you overcome this struggle?

4. In verse 2, what does Paul say the goal or result of a praying church is?
5. At the end of verse 2, what are believers supposed to look like as they lead a life of prayer?

Application: How does proper reverence for God (“godliness”) lead to proper respect for others (“dignity”)? How can you grow in this area?

6. What are the two desires of God in verse 4?
7. In verses 5–6, how does Paul describe Jesus?
8. What is “the proper time” that Paul refers to in verse 6?
9. What three roles does Paul say he has been given in verse 7? Who appointed him to this?
10. In verse 8, who does Paul say is to lead the congregation in public prayer?
11. What are the two conditions that must not be present in prayer?

Application: If everyone in the church imitated your prayer life, what would the church’s prayer life look like? What, if anything, needs to change in your prayer life?

“We cannot truly pray for those with whom we are angry, nor can we be angry with those for whom we truly pray.” —D. Edmond Hiebert

➤ **Read 1 Timothy 2:9–15**

12. In verse 9, Paul gives a positive (“do”) command and negative (“do not”) command about how women are to dress in public worship? What are they?

Positive command:

Negative command:

13. According to verse 10, what are godly women supposed to focus on?

Application: What does it mean for men and women to dress appropriately in public worship?

Application: (Women only) What struggles do you have with fashion and dress? How can you modify your habits of dress to conform to the commands in this passage? What heart attitudes do you need to have in order to line up with what Scripture is teaching you?

14. What command is given in verses 11–12 regarding women in the church?

15. In verse 13–14, what are the two reasons for what Paul taught in verses 11–12? What does this tell us about its application for today?

Application: What criticisms and attacks will a church have who enacts the principles taught in verses 9–15? How do you know?

Application: Is Paul saying that women are never allowed to teach in the church? In what ways can women fulfill a teaching role in the church?

16. In verse 15, how does Paul describe a godly mother?

Application: What important role do mothers play in the family and the church?

Application: What woman (or women) has God used in your life to help you grow in the faith?