

1 Timothy 2:1-7 What pleases God

What have you been encouraged or challenged by, been a light bulb moment in our 1 Timothy series?

Read 1 Timothy 2:1-7.

1. What things does the passage tell us are pleasing to God?

2. In verses 5-6, Christ is described in four ways. How is each important for understanding the gospel? Think for yourself before consulting the extra passages.

- Christ the mediator (Heb 9:13-15)
- Christ the man (Rom 1:3; Heb 2:14, 17-18)
- Christ the ransom (Mark 10:45; Titus 2:14)
- Christ the testimony given at the proper time (Gal 4:4; Heb 1:2-3)

3. What does Paul say is our motivation to pray for everyone?

4. How ought we to pray for those in authority?

Read Romans 13:1-7.

5. What negative attitudes to government¹ and secular political leadership exist in our culture?

6. What, according to these verses, is the relationship between God and government?

7. What is the job of government?

8. We are not to resist the governing authorities, but to be subject to them, and to give them their due. What does this mean in practice for us:
as individuals?

as a church?

Implications

- If there is only “one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus”, what role do earthly priests have? What role do they *not* have?
- How do these passages encourage us to pray:
 - o in what it says about God?
 - o in what it says about Christ Jesus?
- Think of people who are in authority over you. They might be employers, parents, teachers, ministers or politicians. How can you pray for them?

Give thanks and pray

- Thank God for sacrificing his Son to pay our ransom.
- Pray for those in authority over you (government or workplace). Thank God for them, and pray that they would exercise their authority in a way that allows you to “lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way
- Pray that you will be godly and dignified in every way. Ask for God’s help in this.