

Studynotes for 1 Timothy 2

Read the entire chapter and open your group in prayer.

- The Apostle begins this chapter by encouraging prayer in 4 categories. What are they?
- How often do you engage in all four of these elements of prayer?
- What two people groups does Paul encourage the church to remember in prayer?
- What is the reason Paul gives for praying for political leaders and those in authority?
- Why do you think some Christians find it so challenging to pray for political leaders?
- What reason does Paul give in **verse 3** for engaging in prayer?
- What does **verse 4** tell us about God's desire toward the lost?
- Re-read **verse 5**. What is a **Mediator** and what role would such a person play?
- Why do we need a mediator between us and God?
- Why is Jesus uniquely qualified to act as a mediator between God and man?
- What are the implications of the Apostle saying that Jesus is the one and only Mediator between God and man?
- How does **1 Timothy 2:5** differ from the teachings of Roman Catholicism?
- What are the 3 callings that the Apostle referred to in **verse 7**?
- What is the difference between a preacher and a teacher and why is it important to know the difference?
- Why is prayer incompatible with "anger" or "quarrelling" (**2:8**)?
- Is Paul saying in **1 Timothy 2:9–10** that we should wear drab clothes to worship services? (Note: That is the way the church in Russia has traditionally understood this verse, so bright clothes are seldom worn in services there.)
- What is the emphasis behind what Paul is exhorting women about their clothing? Is Paul primarily interested in what women wear, or in something else?
- Why is a legalistic approach to these verses unhelpful?
- In **verse 11** Paul encourages women to "**learn quietly**." According to **1 Corinthians 14::33-35** what was going on in some of the churches?
- In **verse 12** Paul forbids a woman to teach/ exercise authority over men. How does teaching cause someone to exercise authority?
- What reason did Pastor Paul bring out in the teaching to explain why it would be inappropriate for a woman to exercise authority in teaching over men?

- What reason did the Apostle Paul give in **verses 13 and 14**?
- Why is **verse 15** such a challenging verse?
- How do you approach verses in the Bible that have many opinions and few conclusions?
- What single truth from this chapter meant the most to you personally?
- How do you plan to apply the truth you've learned?