

Paul's  
1st Letter to  
**Timothy**



**Lesson 2-A Pure Christian Life and A Woman's Place**

**Focus:** 1Timothy 2:1-15

➤ **Living according to the mind of God (v.1-4)**

- (v.1,2) *We have a part to do in our society. We are to be people of prayer and also people who set a good example, if indeed we are counted as God's children. We should always give thanks to God and we should pray always! **We should make intercessory prayer for all people. There are all kinds of people we should be praying for!** Let us not be selfish or self-centered in our prayers, but **remember to pray much for others too besides your own self.** That is God's will and desire for us all! God will bless such kinds of prayers! Pray for our leaders. We must live a righteous life and be peaceable. **The example of our lives must tell of the character of God to others and should rightly reflect the meekness of Jesus Christ!** We should live as good citizens in our societies, but never to the transgression of God's Holy laws! A good citizen should be someone who is living by the laws of heaven above and beyond anything else! **We are to pray for our leaders in all areas of life.** Pray that they will **have proper wisdom to make good decisions.** Pray that they will also be converted to Jesus Christ! We should live a life that respects local, national, or the like government laws and regulations. The Bible is clear about that. The only time when we should not obey earthly government regulations is when they are in conflict with God's holy laws (which must be obeyed above every other kind of law or power!). God's laws are the highest of all and they will make anyone into a respectable and worthwhile citizen or person when they are followed. (See Romans 13:1-10; Acts 5:29; Luke 2:49,52).*
- (v.3,4) **God desires all people to be saved!** *Not everyone will be though! There will be many who are lost, but that is by their own choice, not God's! God desires for them to be saved. God does everything that He can to save every soul! If we are lost, then it is because of our own choices to live lives of sin. (See also Ezekiel 33:11; 2 Peter 3:9; Revelation 22:17; Matthew 7:11-14, 21-23). These very clear Bible statements should make it clear to us. Some people have a false idea that God only wanted to save a few pre-selected people that God arbitrarily chose...called the "elect." That is not true. The Bible says that "God desires all men to be saved" and also that "whosoever will" should come and take the water of life freely! Other people think that God is so good, and He wants all people to be saved, so no one could ever possibly be lost—that idea is called "Universalism" [meaning all, everybody, or "universal" in coverage], and it is a very heretical idea. That cannot be found in the Bible. There will most certainly be lost people, as there already are many of them too who have died in lost conditions. The Bible is clear that unredeemed sinners will perish in their sins (**John 8:21,24**; 3:18,19).*

➤ **Knowing God's work and our part (v.5-8)**

- There is **one God and one mediator between God and man!** This is a very clear Bible truth! He also is the one who paid the price for our sins and for any in the world who are willing to receive it by faith! He is Jesus Christ, our one and only mediator! The one and only one by which we may come to God the Father and receive forgiveness or full pardon for sin! (See 1 John 2:1,2; John 14:6). *Some church, some pastor, or another man, the Catholic pope or priest, some who were declared to be saints, or any others are **NOT our mediators.** Jesus Christ himself and alone is our mediator! We are to approach the throne of God's mercy and grace through Jesus Christ alone, and not another! (See also Hebrews 2:17; 4:14-16). The Bible is not uncertain in this message. We are to come directly to God through Christ Jesus! Others may pray for us, and we should pray for others, but we should remember that Christ is our Savior and help!*
- **Christ gave everything for us all, so let us take advantage of His gift.** Let us also **therefore share the message and pray for others to come to God** and to experience His saving love and power in their lives as well!

➤ **Understanding a Woman's Place in daily society and in worship (v.9-15)**

- (v.9,10) **All people should dress and live modestly, whether men or women, but there is a special injunction here given to women who profess godliness!** They are called to live modestly and to present their bodies in modest way! We are not to mimic the world in their wretched display and sinful sensualized display of the body! Godly women should not lead men into sinful lusts by putting their body on a sexually enticing display! (i.e. Matthew 5:27-30, looks kill. See also Job 31:1). **See also Genesis 35:1-5; Isaiah 3:16-26; 1 Peter 3:3-5).**
- (v.11-14) It is okay for women to teach things of God. The Bible is clear. BUT, they are not to presume to try and take authority over a man. No, instead, they are called to be in subjection to their husbands and also to have a humble attitude. God placed women there, and part of that role is because of the sin of Eve. (See Acts 2:17,18; Judges 4:4).
- (v.15) "Saved in childbearing" has to do with the lot that was given to women after sin. (Gen. 3:16).

*Question (s) for the Heart:*

**Is it your desire to pray and to live according to the mind of God (not the mind of men)? \_\_\_\_\_**