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1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 2

In Your Group Read 1 Timothy chapter two (aloud) in a modern translation or read it in the King James Version (below). As a Group, Discuss the general content of the chapter.

THE LETTER OF 1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 2 King James Version

1 TIMOTHY 2: [1] I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; **[2]** For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. **[3]** For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; **[4]** Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. **[5]** For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; **[6]** Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. **[7]** Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity. **[8]** I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. **[9]** ¶ In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; **[10]** But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works. **[11]** Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. **[12]** But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. **[13]** For Adam was first formed, then Eve. **[14]** And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. **[15]** Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GROUP: Read and Discuss each verse and translation along with the “Additional Information” in each box provided.

1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 2
VERSES 1-4

1 Timothy 2: [1] I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; [2] For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. [3] For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; [4] Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. (King James Version)

¹ I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. As you make your requests, plead for God’s mercy upon them, and give thanks. ² Pray this way for kings and all others who are in authority, so that we can live in peace and quietness, in godliness and dignity. ³ This is good and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ for he wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. **(New Living Translation)**

[1] Here, then, is what I urge upon all followers of the Lord: Our first duty is to plead before God for everyone. Intercede and plead most earnestly in prayer for them. And don’t fail to thank God for the way He is working in answer to your prayers. **[2]** Pray in the same way for the top government leaders, and for all who are in places of authority in our government, industry, and elsewhere. This will hopefully lead to our being allowed to live a peaceful and trouble-free life as we worship and serve God, and as we obey Him in our conduct toward our fellow men. **[3]** It is only right that we pray in this way, and God our Savior is pleased when we do. **[4]** Because it is His earnest desire that everyone should come to know what the truth really is, and be saved. **(The Last Days Bible)**

Additional Information: (Verse 1) – “Supplications” is the Greek word *deesis* and means a *petition*. “**Prayer(s)**” are a *reverent petition made to God the object of worship, or any act of communion with God such as confession, praise, or thanksgiving*. “**Intercession(s)**” is the Greek word *enteuxis* and primarily denotes a *lighting upon, a meeting with; then, a conversation ; and hence, a petition. It is a technical term for approaching a king, and so for boldly approaching God in intimate intercession and prayer [seeking the presence and hearing of God on behalf of others]*. (Vine’s Lexicon).

“**Giving of thanks**” is the Greek word *eucharistia* and means *gratitude, grateful language (to God, as an act of worship)* (Strong’s Lexicon).

(Verse 4) – “Saved” is the Greek word *sozo* and means to save, that is, deliver or protect (Strong’s Lexicon). The term “**saviour**” in both the Old Testament and the New Testament suggest deliverance from the worst affliction and trouble known to mankind – deliverance from sin [and Satan]” (Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia, Vol. 5, p.291).

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1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 2
VERSES 5-6

1 Timothy 2: [5] For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; [6] Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. (King James Version)

⁵For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and people. He is the man Christ Jesus. ⁶He gave his life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message that God gave to the world at the proper time. **(New Living Translation)**

⁵*That God is on one side and all the people on the other side, and Christ Jesus, himself man, is between them to bring them together, ⁶by giving his life for all mankind.* **(The Living Bible)**

[5] For there is one God, and there is one who brings God and men together, the man Christ Jesus, **[6]** who gave himself to redeem all men. That was the proof, at the right time, that God wants all men to be saved. **(Today's English Version)**

[5] There is one God. There is one Man standing between God and men. That Man is Christ Jesus. **[6]** He gave His life for all men so they could go free and not be held by the power of sin. God made this known to the world at the right time. **(The New Life Testament)**

[5] There is only one God. And there is only one way that people can reach God. That way is through Jesus Christ, who is also a man. **[6]** Jesus gave himself to pay for the sins of all people. Jesus is proof that God wants all people to be saved. **(The Easy-to-Read New Testament)**

Additional Information: (Verse 5) – “Mediator” is the Greek word *mesites* and means a go-between, a reconciler. Christ is called a “mediator” since he interposed by his death and restored the harmony between God and man which human sin had broken (Thayer's Lexicon).

(Verse 6) – “Ransom,” the Greek word is *antlutron* and means a redemption-price. This word stresses what is given in exchange for another as the price of his redemption (Vine's Lexicon).

Three different Hebrew words [in the Old Testament] are translated “redeem” or “ransom.” Each presents and emphasizes a particular aspect of God's great concern for humanity. Each word is cast against the background of helplessness. Each finds human beings captured, held captive by the power of forces they cannot overcome. Only by the intervention of a third party can bondage be broken and the person freed.

Redemption is a release “from all wickedness” (Tit 2:14). The redemption that Jesus accomplished by his blood is an eternal redemption (Heb 9:12), intended to so cleanse us that “we may serve the living God” (v. 14; cf. Tit 2:14). Thus, redemption in the New Testament focuses on the condition of the believer, who had been locked in a wicked and empty way of life, and on the price of redemption, the blood of Christ. It also focuses on the result of redemption, a commitment by the believer to serve God. The New Testament applies the concept developed in the Old Testament to the issue of personal salvation. Each person in our world is in the grip of sin. Sin's bondage can be broken only through Christ's blood. Redeemed, the believer is given a place in the family of God and is called to live a life that reflects his new standing (Expository Dictionary of Bible Words, pgs. 515-517).

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1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 2

VERSE 7

1 Timothy 2: [7] Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity. (King James Version)

[7] of this I was appointed herald and apostle (this is no lie, it is the truth), to instruct the Gentiles in the true faith. **(The Revised English Bible)**

[7] It was to proclaim this truth that I have been appointed a preacher and an apostle – I am telling the truth, I am not lying – a teacher of faith and truth to the Gentiles. **(The New Translation)**

⁷And I have been chosen—this is the absolute truth—as God’s minister and missionary to teach this truth to the Gentiles and to show them God’s plan of salvation through faith. **(The Living Bible)**

[7] This is also why God appointed me as His messenger and apostle. I was to spread this message and be a faithful and truthful teacher for the people of the other nations. And I’m not lying when I say this. I’m telling the truth. **(New Testament in Everyday American English)**

1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 2

VERSE 8

1 Timothy 2: [8] I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. (King James Version)

⁸So wherever you assemble, I want men to pray with holy hands lifted up to God, free from anger and controversy. **(New Living Translation)**

⁸I want everyone everywhere to lift innocent hands toward heaven and pray, without being angry or arguing with each other. **(Contemporary English Version)**

[8] So I want the men to pray everywhere, men who can lift up their hands to God from a life that is pure, and is not fouled up by anger and heated arguments. **(The Last Days Bible)**

1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 2

VERSES 9-10

1 Timothy 2: [9] ¶ In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; [10] But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works. (King James Version)

⁹And I want women to be modest in their appearance. They should wear decent and appropriate clothing and not draw attention to themselves by the way they fix their hair or by wearing gold or pearls or expensive clothes. ¹⁰For women who claim to be

devoted to God should make themselves attractive by the good things they do. **(New Living Translation)**

⁹⁻¹⁰And the women should be the same way, quiet and sensible in manner and clothing. Christian women should be noticed for being kind and good, not for the way they fix their hair or because of their jewels or fancy clothes. **(The Living Bible)**

[9] I also want women to dress modestly and sensibly, not trying to call attention to themselves with elaborate hair styles, gold ornaments, pearls, or expensive clothing.

[10] The main adornments appropriate for a woman who professes to love and obey the Lord are her good deeds. **(The Last Days Bible)**

1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 2 VERSES 11-14

1 Timothy 2: [11] Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. [12] But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. [13] For Adam was first formed, then Eve. [14] And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. (King James Version)

¹¹and they should learn by being quiet and paying attention. ¹²They should be silent and not be allowed to teach or to tell men what to do. ¹³After all, Adam was created before Eve, ¹⁴and the man Adam wasn't the one who was fooled. It was the woman Eve who was completely fooled and sinned. **(Contemporary English Version)**

I don't let women take over and tell the men what to do. They should study to be quiet and obedient along with everyone else. Adam was made first, then Eve; woman was deceived first – our pioneer in sin! – with Adam right on her heels. (verses 11-14) **(The Message)**

[11] During instruction, a woman should be quiet and respectful. **[12]** I am not giving permission for a woman to teach or to tell a man what to do. A woman ought not to speak, **[13]** because Adam was formed first and Eve afterward, **[14]** and it was not Adam who was led astray but the woman who was led astray and fell into sin. **(Jerusalem Bible)**

[11] A woman must listen quietly to the one who is teaching, as one who has full respect for the teacher's authority. **[12]** And I won't allow a woman to explain the Bible in the services, or to have authority over a man. My rule is that she must remain silent. **[13]** After all, God made Adam first, and then Eve. **[14]** And Adam wasn't fooled by the devil, but his wife was completely fooled and broke God's Law. **(New Testament in Everyday American English)**

[11] When a woman is learning, she should be quiet. She should follow the leaders in every way. **[12]** I do not let women teach. I do not let them have authority over men. They must be quiet. **[13]** Adam was made first. Then Eve was made. **[14]** Adam was not the one who was tricked. The woman was tricked and became a sinner. **(New International Reader's Version)**

[11] A woman must learn quietly and put herself completely under authority. **[12]** I don't allow a woman to teach over a man or have authority over him. No, she should

be quiet. **[13]** Adam was made first. Eve was made next. **[14]** Also, Adam was not seduced; the woman was. She fell into sin. **(The Simple English Bible)**

Additional Information: Some maintain that Paul's teaching about women here is historically conditioned, not universal and timeless. Others view these verses as unaffected by the historical situation and therefore applicable to every age. (NIV Study Bible). It may be that Paul is forbidding women from filling the role of the pastor/teacher. He is not prohibiting them from teaching in other appropriate conditions and circumstances (See Acts 18:26; Titus 2:3-4). Paul forbids women from exercising any type of authority over men in the church assembly, since the elders are those who rule (1 Tim. 5:17) (MacArthur Bible Commentary, p. 1783).

1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 2

VERSE 15

1 Timothy 2: [15] Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety. (King James Version)

[15] On the other hand, her childbearing brought about salvation, reversing Eve. But this salvation only comes to those who continue in faith, love, and holiness, gathering it all into maturity. You can depend on this. **(The Message)**

¹⁵So God sent pain and suffering to women when their children are born, but he will save their souls if they trust in him, living quiet, good, and loving lives. **(The Living Bible)**

[15] Nevertheless I believe that women will come safely through child-birth if they maintain a life of faith, love, holiness and modesty. **(Phillips Translation)**

[15] Nevertheless [the sentence put upon women of pain in motherhood does not hinder their souls' salvation, and] they will be saved [eternally] if they continue in faith and love and holiness with self-control, [saved indeed] through the Childbearing *or* by the birth of the divine Child. **(The Amplified New Testament)**

[15] God will keep them safe when their children are born if they put their trust in Him and live loving and good lives. **(The New Life Testament)**

Additional Information: Good translations should say the same thing in different styles. When differences in translations are not just a matter of style, realize that the meaning of the verse or verses is difficult and two or more meanings of words or phrases may be possible in Greek.

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

(1 Timothy Chapter 2)

Instructions for Group Leader: Do not let the group read the following questions and answers. The leader of your group should ask the group the following questions and encourage the group to discover the answers by going to the appropriate Scriptures. **Discuss and answer (as a group) the questions correctly by using the Scripture(s). Turn to 1 Timothy Chapter 2.**

1. **Read 1 Timothy 2:1.** One of our first duties as Christians is to pray and give thanks for: a. the Apostle's Creed. b. our family and friends. c. for all people.
2. **Read 1 Timothy 2:2.** We are to pray for: a. top government leaders. b. authorities in our government. c. those in authority over us (such as civil authorizes, etc.). d. all of the above.
3. **Read 1 Timothy 2:4.** God's earnest desire is that everyone should come to know the truth and be saved. True or False.
4. **Read 1 Timothy 2:5.** There are many gods and goddesses that we should serve. True or False.
5. **Read 1 Timothy 2:5.** There is only one man who can bring God and men together, he is: a. Buddha. b. Mohammed. c. Christ Jesus. d. all of the above.
6. **Read 1 Timothy 2:6.** Jesus gave his life as a ransom, that is, so that all men could go free and not be held by the power of sin. True or False.
7. **Read 1 Timothy 2:6.** Jesus is proof that God wants all people to be saved. True or False.
8. **Read 1 Timothy 2:7.** The Apostle Paul was appointed to teach the truth to the Gentiles and show them God's plan of salvation. True or False.
9. **Read 1 Timothy 2:8.** God's will is that men pray everywhere from a life that is pure and not fouled up by anger and arguments. True or False.

10. **Read 1 Timothy 2:9-10.** Women who claim to be Christians should make themselves attractive by the good things that they do and not by jewels and fancy clothes. They should dress modestly. True or False.

11. **Read 1 Timothy 2:11-14.** Women are not to have authority over a man. True or False. In the context, who is the man? a. the pastors b. her husband. c. man in general. d. all of the above.

12. **Read 1 Timothy 2:15.** God will keep women safe when their children are born if they put their trust in God and live loving and good lives. True or False.

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