

Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*



Worship Guide for May 26, 2024

Sermon Notes

Upholding the Truth As We Pray, Live and Worship Together

1 Timothy 2

1 Timothy is God's instruction manual for the conduct of the church, conduct that is rooted in the gospel. The true gospel, in contrast to false teaching, always leads to godliness in the lives of those who believe the gospel and trust in Christ. How we live, how we pray, how we worship, how we serve – all are tangible ways that the church lifts up and lives out the gospel for others to see, hear, and believe.

We saw in chapter one that *Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners*. In chapter two, we see that he did so according to God's heart, which *desires all people to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth*. Because God desires the salvation of all people, we should pray for the salvation of all people. 1 Timothy 2 gives us instruction in how to do this.

1 Timothy 2 also shows us that God desires order, peace, and holiness in our lives, in our worship, and in our relationships within the church, all of which reflect the order, constancy, and righteous character of God. God's desire and design is that through the community of God's people his character would be revealed in the world.

Although it is counterculture and politically incorrect, 1 Timothy 2 affirms that the gospel witness is best maintained as men and women pray, live, and worship together as God intends.

Praying According to God's Heart (1 Tim 2:1-7)

The heart and desire of God should be the heart and desire of our prayers. The desire of God is that all people be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth as revealed in Christ Jesus. So, the starting point for us is not in strategies, but in prayer and full dependence upon God as we live in a way that glorifies him and draws the lost to him.

Living and Worshipping According to God's Design (1 Tim 2:8-15)

Different roles and responsibilities for men and women are not the result of the fall. Before there was sin in the world, God prescribed leadership in harmony with his character and the way he created us. Leadership roles and responsibilities within the church are not based upon worth or importance, but upon the need for order and clarity, recognizing the inherent strengths of men and women. In Christ, men and women are equal (Gal. 3:28), but at the same time, they are to fulfill different roles.

Applications for Our Lives and Church

Life Group Preparation Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you(all) *richly*
teaching and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom*..."

- *Colossians 3:16a*

Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

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- 2.
- 3.

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MAY

27 Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

JUNE

1-8 Utah Mission Trip
5 Life Together*
9 Churchwide Family Picnic*
16 Family Dedication
19 Member's Meeting
23 Communion
30 Celebration for Gerald & Susan*