

- I. 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (NKJV Strong's,) Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, ² for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. ³ For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to 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 for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Critical nature of PRAYER

I. Therefore... ties what follows to what preceded

A. BC of the need to fight against false doctrine

1. Paul 'exhorts' parakaleo

- a. beseech 43, comfort 23, exhort 21, desire 8, pray 6, intreat 3, misc 4, vr besought 1;
- b. to call to one's side, call for, summon to address, speak to, (call to, call upon),
- c. to admonish, exhort, to beg, entreat, beseech, to strive to appease by entreaty to console, to encourage and strengthen by consolation, to comfort, to receive consolation, be comforted
- d. to encourage, strengthen exhorting and comforting and encouraging to instruct, teach

II. Above everything else

A. 'first of all'- above everything else they could do, Paul is commanding and begging

B. He insists that specific priority be given to one thing first

1. Like an operations manual

C. 'that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men...'

1. Above anything else we can do we are told to pray first