

## Bible Study Order in the Church

1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:1-15

### Objectives:

- To understand the importance of prayer.
  - To understand that God desires all humanity to be saved.
  - To understand men and women ministry in the church.
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### Summary of 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2

After Paul reminded Timothy of his charge to remain in Ephesus, Paul instructs Timothy to teach sound doctrine and to address the matters that pertain to the church. The church has many definitions, but we'll limit our discussion and define the church as a group of baptized believers in Jesus the Christ. Finally in chapter 2 of 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy we'll address the old age issue of women in ministry. Women teaching and preaching is not a matter of discrimination, but more likely a matter of interpretation.

### Questions, Answers, and Discussions

- A. What priority does Paul place on prayer? Define: supplication, intercession, and thanksgiving in prayer? (1)
- B. How does praying for those in authority cause believers to lead a quiet and peaceable life? (2)
- C. What is God's will for all of mankind? (3 & 4)
- D. What is a mediator, and how did Jesus become our mediator? Why did Paul reference Jesus' finished work on Calvary's cross? (5 & 6)
- E. What was Paul's ministry? Who were the beneficiaries of Paul's ministry? (7)
- F. Explain the following statement: The position of the heart is more important in prayer than the position of the hands. (8)
- G. What was Paul's advice to women's attire in worship? Why? (9-10)
- H. Why did Paul counsel the Ephesian women to learn in silence? Define subjection. (11)
- I. Is Paul saying that women should not teach or preach? (12)

### **Explain the following verses of Scripture.**

- a. Acts 21: 8-9
  - b. Romans 16: 1
  - c. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:34
  - d. Galatians 3:28
- J. Is Paul defending male priority? (13-14)  
K. Explain verse 15.

### Lessons learned from the chapter

#### Basic rules for explaining Scripture.

1. Scripture should always be interpreted literally unless there's obvious figurative language.
2. Scripture should be interpreted historically, grammatically, and contextually.
3. Scripture is the best interpreter of scripture.

**Without getting too technical, we need to understand the meaning of 2 words when it comes to explaining scripture: Exegesis and Hermeneutics.**

**Exegesis- to extract from the text, it means to explain the text. Hermeneutics- the scientific method of understanding scripture. The 3 aforementioned rules for explaining scripture aids us in hermeneutics.**

**Exegesis helps us to understand what the passage meant to the original audience, and hermeneutics helps us to understand what the passage means today.**

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