



Study Guide

Lesson 2

“The Who, What And When of Christian Living”

1 Timothy 2

Let all things be done decently and in order” (1 Cor. 14:40) is a basic principle for the conduct of the ministry of the church. Apparently, young Timothy was having some problems applying this principle to the assemblies in Ephesus. The public worship services were losing their order and effectiveness because both the men and the women members of the church were disobeying God’s Word.

One man said, “The church is an organism, so we shouldn’t put too much emphasis on organization.”

“But if an organism is *disorganized*, it will die.” Yes, we must be flexible and adaptable to ways of doing church work but we can never disobey the Word of God in getting it done.

Often, what we are tempted to do is to employ the worldly ideas of some Christian who is not walking in the Spirit. Eventually this decision develops into anarchy, and the Spirit grieves as a church gradually moves away from the standards of God’s Word.

To counteract this tendency, Paul exhorted the men and women in the church and reminded them of their spiritual responsibilities.

Men, Keep Praying

2:1-8

1. “first of all” shows the _____ of prayer **2:1a**
2. There are at least seven different nouns in the original language of the New Testament for “prayer”. Paul uses four of them here to show the variety of prayer. What are they? (1) _____, (2) _____, (3) _____, (4) _____. **2:1b**
3. Paul also shows us “who” we should pray for, the objects of our prayers. Name two categories mentioned here: (1) _____, (2) _____ and all those in _____. **2:1c-2**
4. Paul lists two reasons for our prayers: (1) that we may live _____ and _____ lives in all _____ and _____, (2) that all men be _____ and come to a _____ of the truth. **2:3-4**
5. Paul shows us the basis for our prayers as well. No other person is qualified to be our _____ except Jesus. This is because he gave himself as a _____ for all men. **2:5-7**
6. As the apostle wraps up this paragraph, he points to the attitude that we should have in prayer: without _____ and _____. **2:8**

Women, Keep Respecting

2:9-15

1. Paul commands the women to show their respect for him and society by displaying evidences of this respect. What are they? (1) modest _____, (2) _____ deeds, (3) quiet _____, (4) honor boundaries that _____ set at the beginning.