

1. What does verse 1 tell us to offer? Define each word.
2. Verse 2 instructs us to pray for the king but we have none. For whom should we pray instead?
3. Why should we give thanks for those who are in authority? Do we sometimes find this hard to do?
4. What effect can these prayers have on our lives?

*To put it another way:*

1 Tim 2:7 (NIV) And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles.

1 Tim 2:7 (ESV) For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

1 Tim 2:7 (KJV) 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.

1 Tim 2:7 (DBY) to which I have been appointed a herald and apostle, (I speak [the] truth, I do not lie,) a teacher of [the] nations in faith and truth.

*Cross references:*

Eph 6:18 (DBY) praying at all seasons, with all prayer and supplication in [the] Spirit, and watching unto this very thing with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints;

Ezr 5:18 (ESV) ... that they may offer pleasing sacrifices to the God of heaven and pray for the life of the king and his sons.

Rom 13:1 (ESV) Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

5. What might be the connection between the ideal Christian life described in verse 2, and God's desire for all men to be saved in verse 4?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What is a mediator and how does Christ Jesus mediate between God and man?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Why, do you suppose, Paul makes a point of saying in verse 5 there is one God and one mediator? How does this fit with the rest of the passage?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What is the reason Paul was appointed to preach to the Gentiles?

*Cross references:*

Ezekiel 18:23 (KJV) Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?

2 Peter 3:9 (ESV) The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

Deut 6:4 (ESV) "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Rom 10:12-13 (ESV) For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Matt 20:28 (ESV) ... even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Acts 9:15 (ESV) But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel."

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