

/We will now begin the second lecture on 1 Timothy. /This lecture will look at chapter 2. /In the main passages, there is an emphasis on the importance of prayer in church ministry. /It also teaches the roles of males and females in the church. /Verse 1 instructs the church to pray for everyone.

/Read verse 1. /I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone--

/To believers of Jesus today, God gave them all the special privilege of prayer. /To pray is to converse with God, /and have a relationship with God. /Prayer is spiritual breathing. /We ask God for help through prayer.

/Why must we always pray before God? /Jesus personally gave us an example of prayer. /Jesus prayed in solitude, /and he prayed at the Mount of Olives. /We must pray so that we may overcome temptations.

/Samuel said that he would not sin by failing to pray. /It is when we pray that we become wise, /and ask God for things we need. /Then how can our prayers be delivered to God?

/We must first repent of the sins in our hearts. /Our prayers cannot be delivered to God if there is sin between God and us. /We must also repent of the things we have done wrong to others when we pray.

/When we obey the Word of God and pray, God will hear our prayers. /To pray and disobey the Word of God is despicable. /In order for our prayers to get to God, we must please God.

/When God is pleased, he will hear our prayers. /When we pray, we must also not doubt but pray with faith. /Today, people are hesitant and doubt after they pray, /will God hear our prayers?

/When we have prayed in Jesus' name, we must believe that God will answer our prayers. /Also, when we are sincere and pray earnestly to God, he will hear our prayers. /Elijah was a man just like us.

/He prayed earnestly to God and it did not rain for three years and six months. /When he again prayed earnestly, God opened the gates of heaven and poured down rain on the earth.

/God will answer our prayers, /but it is when we pray according to the will of God that he will answer our prayers. /Today when we pray, by whose name shall we pray in? /We must pray in the name of Jesus.

/Today, some cults teach people to pray "in the name of someone." /For example, there is a cult called "Witnesses of Ahn Sahng-hong Church of God." /There they teach people to pray in the name of their sect leader Ahn, Sahng Hong.

/Then the sect leader died. /Now they teach people to pray in the name of his wife, Jang, Gil Ja.

/Because Jesus is the only Mediator, /God hears our prayers when we pray by Jesus' name. /There are many great people of prayer in the Bible. /Hannah, who was barren, conceived and gave birth to Samuel through prayer.

/Daniel was taken captive by Babylon. /He went into the lions' den /because of the devil's interference in his prayer, /but Daniel was able to overcome the lions' den through prayer.

/Hezekiah was supposed to die through his illness /but because he prayed earnestly to God, his life was extended. /Jonah disobeyed God and ran away to Tarshish, /then ended up in the stomach of a fish after he encountered a storm.

/Jonah prayed earnestly in the stomach of the fish and experienced God's miracle. /Believers must pray without ceasing to overcome temptations of the devil, /fulfill their calling, /and serve God until the end.

/In verse 1 it says, the scope of prayer includes "everyone." /Prayer does not have boundaries nor does it exclude anyone. /We must pray for our countries. /We must pray for all of God's servants around the world.

/There are four lessons of prayer. /First, it says to request. /This means to pray to God about specific circumstances or problems. /We must pray because we are weak.

/We must be earnest in prayer when seeking help from God. /Second, it says to pray. /This means to have a relationship with God on a daily basis. /We must spend a lot of time conversing with God.

/Third, it says to pray for others. /We must pray for the servants of God in the church. /We must always pray for those who are weak in faith. /We must pray for our nations and its people.

/We must pray for God's chosen believers. /We must not only pray for ourselves, /but pray for others and broaden our scope of prayer. /God considers our prayers precious /when we pray for others.

/If the person we pray for does not deserve prayer, the prayer will return to us. /Fourth, it says to give prayers of thanksgiving. /Today, we have received an abundance of grace from our God!

/We must be thankful that God allowed us to be born as humans. /We must be forever thankful for God's grace in saving us. /We are able to live today because of God's grace. /When we begin to thank God, there will be continuous things for us to be thankful

for.

/We must change inwardly /and be filled with thankfulness /then we can pray prayers of thanksgiving to God every day. /One reason why the Israelites faced difficulties in the wilderness /was because of resentment.

/God hears the bitter words that we speak. /I pray that we will be believers who pray prayers of thanksgiving to God.

/Verses 2-4 tell us to pray for kings and those in authority. /Why must we pray for the kings and those who are high in authority?

/Verse 2. /for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

/It says to pray for kings and all those in authority. /What is the reason for why we should pray for kings and those in authority? /First, it is so that we may live in holiness.

/When the leaders of nations properly lead their nations, /we can freely serve God. /We must pray for the leaders so that we could live in holiness and not be contaminated by the world.

/Second, we pray for the leaders so that we may live in godliness. /Here, to live in “godliness” means to have good relationships with people. /Holiness refers to our relationships with God. /“Godliness” refers to relationships with other people.

/We must serve God well, and we must live in virtue with other believers. /Even in the church we believers must have good relationships with one another. /In the world, we must have good relationships with those who do not know God.

/Third, we pray for the leaders so that we may live quiet lives. /When the world is stable and peaceful, we can be well spiritually. /Today’s leaders of the world must do well politically for nations to maintain peace.

/We must continue to pray for peace in our nations. /Fourth, we pray for the leaders so that we may live peacefully. /Nations must be peaceful, /families must be peaceful, /and the church that serves God must be peaceful.

/Also, there is peace in our hearts when we pray for others. /God sees prayers for others as beautiful.

/Read verse 3. /This is good, and pleases God our Savior,

/It says, “This is good, and pleases God our Savior.” /Whatever we do today, we must think about whether or not something is good before God. /God will accept something when it is beautiful in his eyes.

/Thus, whether we pray, /serve, /or whatever we do, /when what we do pleases God /and it is beautiful in his eyes, he will accept our lives. /Verse 4 tells us the reason for why we must pray.

/Verse 4. /who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

/God wants all men to be saved. /Here all men are God's chosen people on earth. /Today, there are two types of people in this world. /They are the chosen and the unchosen.

/Just as there are sheep and goats, /there are wheat and weeds. /There is the good shepherd and the shepherd who earns wages. /There are many chosen people around us who do not know God yet.

/They need to return to God and live in faith, /but they roam around like sheep who have lost their shepherd. /God considers the life of one person more valuable than the world. /The purpose for churches today is so that people would be saved.

/God called leaders in the church to save lives. /The church must hold on to the mission in saving lives. /Jesus sacrificed Himself and died on the cross to save lives.

/Today, the church must become one in faith, /and must diligently evangelize. /There must be more and more people who pray for the church. /We must use materials for the gospel. /We must also testify to the gospel with our lips wherever we go.

/God does not want even the most evil person to go to hell. /God wants all chosen believers to be saved. /In verse 4 it says that God wants men /to come to a knowledge of the truth.

/There are many churches today, /and there are many who cry out, Lord, Lord, /yet there are not many who truly know God's truth. /The early church experienced God's great works.

/When the believers received teachings of the apostles, /one by one people were changed and these people changed the world. /In today's churches, what churches are considered good churches? /Does a church building have to be grand for it to be considered a good church? /Does a church's facilities have to be beautiful for it to be considered a good church?

/Does a church have to have a lot of money for it to be considered a good church? /A good church is one that diligently preaches the Word of God. /Today, church leaders must diligently testify about the clean and pure Word of God. /Today, believers must diligently learn the Word of God and know the truth.

/The Word of God is the standard of our faith, /and it is the law of our lives. /When our Lord comes again, He will judge with the Word of God. /We must believe and live

according to the Word of God, then we can be blessed by God.

/How many in the church today really know the truth of God? /There are two types of believers within the church. /There are those who belong to the physical, /and those who belong to the spiritual.

/Those who belong to the physical love things to do with the physical, /but those of the spiritual consider God's truth extremely precious. /We must truly love God's Word, /and we must listen to the Word with faith and live by it.

/Why is the Word of God important? /The Word of God is the element that refines us. /Saved believers must keep the Word of God so that their faith may grow beautifully.

/When a person is born, /is he able to grow without doing anything? /A person must eat well in order to grow healthily. /Today, people must eat the Word of God to grow beautifully.

/We must learn the Word of God so that we may overcome the devil's temptations. /When Jesus was tempted by the devil in the dessert, He overcame with the Word of God. /Those who know the truth of God /see the things of the world as insignificant.

/We must diligently read the Bible to know the truth. /We must also teach and learn the Bible within the church. /Our faith will not be shaken when we stand firm in the Word.

/Saved believers must obey the Word of God to receive blessings. /What will benefit us when we obey the Word of God? /Our faith will grow beautifully, /we will receive blessings in this world, /and we must be great in heaven.

/Verses 5-7 tell us to testify to God and Jesus.

/Verse 5. /For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

/There is one God. /There is no other true God in this world than our God. /God is the only God. /God is the Creator, /he is absolutely sovereign, /and God is. /God is the God whom we serve.

/We must serve this God well in order to receive blessings on earth. /People who do not know our God serve idols on earth, /and make images to serve.

/Who are the poorest people in the world today? /Are they those who are materially poor? /Are they those who are uneducated? /Are they those who do not have honor or power? /Those who are most foolish are those who say that there is no God.

/God is alive today. /He is in control over each person's fortunes and misfortunes, /and is in control over the rise and fall of all nations. /We must serve God well so that we may receive blessings and live well on this earth.

/The people of Thessalonica /studied the Bible with Paul for three weeks, /and they threw away their idols and returned to God /and served the true God. /We must not serve other gods but only serve God, and then we can receive blessings.

/Also in verse 5, it says that there is one mediator between God and men. /Jesus is our Mediator. /Through the Lord on the cross /we found harmony with God, /and there was harmony among all chosen believers.

/How is Jesus able to be our Mediator? /Jesus is the true God. /Jesus was also fully man but was without sin. /There is no other way to salvation than through Jesus. /There are many religions in this world /but there is no way to salvation in them; salvation is only found through faith in Jesus.

/John 14:6 says, /“Jesus answered, /‘I am the way and the truth and the life. /No one comes to the Father except through me.’” /Nothing besides the blood of Jesus can wash away the sins of man.

/The entire Bible is important, /but John 3:16 is extremely important. /“For God so loved the world /that he gave his one and only Son, /that whoever believes in him /shall not perish but have eternal life.”

/I pray that you believe that our God loves each and every one of you. /God’s love was shown most clearly through the cross of the Lord. /Jesus paid the price of all our sins on the cross.

/Jesus rose again in three days and clothed us with righteousness. /There are two significant foundations of Christianity. /They are the cross and the resurrection. /Jesus died on the cross because of our sins, /resurrected from the dead in three days, /and led us from hell to heaven.

/Today, Jesus teaches us an important truth about salvation. /We are able to have confidence in our salvation and serve God because of the cross. /There are five significant doctrines regarding Jesus.

/First is birth through the Virgin Mary. /Jesus was conceived through the Holy Spirit in Mary, who had not yet been married. /Second is the death of Jesus on the cross as a result of our sins. /Nothing can solve the problem of our sins.

/Yet, we have been forgiven of our sins through the cross of Jesus. /Third is the death of Jesus on the cross and His resurrection in three days’ time. /Today, countless people live and die. /There is no one who lived again except Jesus.

/Fourth is the ascension of Jesus. /Jesus preached for forty days after His resurrection, then ascended into heaven. /Jesus will come back again on clouds. /Jesus will come again on clouds before all peoples.

/One must believe in Jesus in order to be saved. /When you pray in the name of Jesus, God will hear your prayers.

/Read verse 6. /who gave himself as a ransom for all men-- the testimony given in its proper time.

/Jesus gave Himself as a ransom for all chosen believers. /To have given Himself as a ransom means that Jesus paid the price of our sins. /The wages of sin is death. /In order to solve the problem of sin, one who is without sin must die.

/Through Jesus' death on the cross, we have been liberated from sin because He paid the price for our sins. /Then those who were in Jesus / and were of Jesus /received freedom from sin and death /without purgation. /The apostle Paul testified to this amazing truth to the Gentiles.

/Read verse 7. /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.

/Paul became a teacher to the Gentiles. /Peter was chosen by God to preach the gospel to the Jews. /Paul was chosen by God to preach the gospel to the Gentiles.

/Why did God have Paul preach the gospel to the Gentiles? /Paul was fluent in many languages. /Today, whoever desires to be a missionary overseas /must know abundantly about the language and culture of where they wish to go, /then the gospel can effectively be preached.

/In the passage Paul says, "I was appointed a herald." /"A herald" is someone who testifies to the gospel. /In the church today, leaders must diligently preach the gospel. /We must open our lips and testify to the cross and resurrection of Jesus.

/"An apostle" means that Paul was sent out. /God chose Paul, /God took Paul as a servant, /and God sent Paul to preach the gospel to Gentiles.

/Wherever we may go we must believe that God sent us /and preach the gospel there. /Why did God send me to this church? /Why did God send me to live in the countryside? /There is God's good providence.

/We must evangelize in every aspect of our lives. /God is pleased when we work to save lives. /Verse 8 teaches the men's roles in the church.

/Verse 8. /I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.

/It teaches men three things. /First, do not get angry. /When one becomes angry, God's righteousness cannot be given to him. /Today, we must become people who control their

hearts.

/We must not fight with one another /but be at peace with one another. /Today in the church, we must work together in order to preach the gospel. /Second, do not dispute. /There are people with different personalities in the church.

/There are people who argue and form cliques because their personalities clash with one another. /How can we be at peace with one another? /Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers.”

/Those who bring peace will become sons of God. /The devil continuously puts up walls between believers and makes them fight. /People of God must be at peace with one another. /To have peace among believers, /we must throw away our thoughts and will /and have the heart of Jesus.

/Jesus is humble and gentle. /Jesus is not selfish but altruistic. /Jesus did not come to be served but to serve others. /We must have open hearts in order for us to not fight with one another.

/Today, people’s hearts are closed and they think only of themselves. /In order for us to not fight with one another, we must have hearts full of love. /Whom does the Bible say to even love? /God says to love even our enemies.

/Before we love our enemies though, we must love our fellow believers and love our families. /Third, men everywhere are to lift up holy hands in prayer. /To lift up holy hands means to live lives that are set apart from others.

/Our actions and lives must be clean for our prayers to be delivered well to God. /To “lift up holy hands” signifies hearts that yearn for God. /To lift up hands also means to surrender to God.

/We cannot live by our own strength. /We need God’s help to live. /We must lift up our hands to God every day. /Verses 9-10 teach the women’s roles in the church.

/Verse 9. /I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes,

/First, women are to dress modestly. /To dress modestly means to live frugally. /God does not like it when we live luxuriously. /We must always be frugal and practice saving up.

/Second, women are to be decent. /It says to dress with decency and propriety. /We must live lives that are not shameful in any way. /“Propriety” means to be self-controlled and pure.

/It says do not dress with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes. /We must not seek physical luxuries but dress our hearts. /People look at the physical appearance



/but our God looks at the heart.

/How beautiful that heart is! We must have beautiful hearts before God. /Why did God tell us be frugal and save up? /The answer is in verse 10.

/Verse 10. /but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.

/It says, God wanted us to live with good deeds. /What are good deeds? /It is to save up /and help those who are in need, /serve others, /and use our goods for the gospel.

/We must learn to be frugal /and use what we have for the good. /The Bible says that those who give will be blessed. /We must become people who give. /God gave us his one and only Son, Jesus.

/Today, we must make sacrifices in our lives /for the Lord and the gospel. /We must give up our time, /our goods, /and ultimately our lives to walk as disciples of the Lord. /Verses 11-15 teach the position of women within the church.

/Verse 11. /A woman should learn in quietness and full submission.

/A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. /The ethics of a married couple /are that husbands must love their wives, /and wives must submit to her husband in the truth. /God is the God of order. /It is beautiful when one does his or her best in the position he or she is given.

/A woman is to learn in quietness. /At the time, women lacked in their attitude of wanting to learn. /Also, because there were many women in the church, they chattered continually among themselves.

/Hence, it was taught that a woman should learn in quietness and not cause disturbance in the church. /It was not allowed for women to teach or have authority over men.

/Verse 12. /I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent.

/"I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man." /Men and women have equality regarding human rights.

/Because God is the God of order, Paul teaches that each person is not to stray from their position. /Why did God say that a woman is not to have authority over a man? /The reason is in verses 13-14.

/Verse 13. /For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

/Adam was formed first. /In the order of God's creation, it was so that the woman would not have authority over her husband. /She must believe in God's sovereignty and help her

husband.

/Verse 14. /And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner.

/Eve was the one who was first deceived by the devil, not Adam. /According to the order of crime, Eve was deceived first, and thus, women cannot have authority over men.

/However, God sometimes used exceptional cases where he taught his people through women. /Then what makes a woman beautiful?

/Verse 15. /But women will be saved through childbearing-- if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.

/It says that women will be saved through faith, love and holiness with propriety. /A woman must stay in her position, /keep her faith in God, /and remain chaste in her faith.

/We must also love one another, /live lives set apart from others, /and go forward with salvation. /Here, to “go forward with salvation” means to /put off our sins every day, /grow beautifully in our faith, /and become like the Lord.

/Here we will conclude the second lecture on 1 Timothy. /Thank you.