



Are We Really Praying for All People

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TODAY'S READING: 1 Timothy 2

So, let me just ask the question, "Is this command in verses 1-2 reflected in yours or my prayer life?" Are you praying? Am I praying continually for all kinds of people, including and especially for kings (the president) and for those in high positions? Are we praying for these people, for these purposes, so we may live peaceful, quiet, godly dignified lives? Are we praying in light of God's desire for all people to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth.

The one thing that gripped me hardest is this purpose: *"This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth"* (vv. 3-4).

These verses speak to a few things in our lives:

1. God's desire and also His character.
2. The fact that we are to be about pleasing God and not our selfish desires.
3. The reality -- Do we really love people?
4. Do we really love our friends, neighbors, work associates and family?
5. Do we really love the things that God loves?

It is plain that God desires all people to be saved and all people to have a relationship with Him through Jesus Christ His Son. It also means there is a somewhat hidden agenda behind prayer. Not only are we accomplishing God's desire that He change the hearts of people He has planted within our influence, but also, prayer changes us. It is part of the sanctification process. The more we voice and meditate on God's desires, the more they become our desires. It starts the process in us to not look like our earthly father, but to look and sound like our heavenly Father.

PRAYER: Lord, please help us follow after Your desires more than ours. Help us love people through prayer so that we are a reflection of Your heart and desire.

TOMORROW'S READING: 1 Timothy 3

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