The Responsibility and Priority of Praying (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

Therefore I exhort first of all that
supplications, prayers, intercessions, *[and]* ***giving of thanks***
be made
for all men,
[2] for kings
and all who are in authority,
that we may lead
a quiet and peaceable life
in all godliness and reverence.

1. Paul's Logical _____

"therefore"

What is the "therefore" there for?

Because of what I have said to this point, in order to produce:

- *godly edification (1:4)*
- *love from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere belief (1:5)*
- *the sharing of salvation for sinners (1:15-16)*
- *honor and glory towards God (1:17)*
- *waging of the good warfare (1:18)*
- *belief and a good conscience (1:19)*
- *safety from a shipwrecked belief (1:19)*

2. Paul's Urgent _____

"I am exhorting"

parakaleo *"called alongside" (NKJ renderings of this word: ask, appeal, beg, beseech, call, comfort, console, encourage, entreat, exhort, implore, petition, plead, pray, urge)*

1:3 As I ***urged*** *you when I went into Macedonia-- remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine,*

5:1 Do not rebuke an older man, but ***exhort*** *him as a father, younger men as brothers,*

6:2 And those who have believing masters, let them not despise them because they are brethren, but rather serve [them] because those who are benefited are believers and beloved. Teach and ***exhort*** *these things.*

2 Tim. 4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season [and] out of season. Convince, rebuke, ***exhort****, with all longsuffering and teaching.*

Titus 1:9 holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to ***exhort*** *and convict those who contradict.*

Titus 2:6 Likewise ***exhort*** *the young men to be sober-minded,*

Titus 2:15 Speak these things, ***exhort****, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.*

3. Paul's Stated _____

"first" *(protōs)*

- *1:15b Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am* ***chief****.*
- *1:16 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me* ***first*** *Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.*
- *2:13 For Adam was formed* ***first****, then Eve.*
- *3:10 But let these also* ***first*** *be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless.*
- *5:4 But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them* ***first*** *learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents…*
- *5:12 having condemnation because they have cast off their* ***first*** *faith.*

"of all [things]" *– before anything else ("all" used 4x in 2:1-2)*

4. Paul's Emphasized _____

"to be doing [or making]" ~

- ***"supplications"*** *– requests for needs or aid*
- ***"prayers"*** *– worship; acknowledgement*
- ***"intercessions"*** *– (2x in NT; here & 4:5)*
- ***"thanksgivings"*** *– (eucharistia) expressions of thanks (4:3,4)*

Which of these are found in the Lord's pattern for prayer?

Matthew 6:9-13 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. [10] Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as [it is] in heaven. [11] Give us this day our daily bread. [12] And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. [13] And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer: What believers can do (privilege) & are to be doing (practice):

1 Corinthians 1:2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called [to be] saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

a.* _____ *God (prayers)

- *Acknowledging Who God is (Holy, Creator, Savior, Lord of all)*
- *Expressing alignment with what God wants (your kingdom/will)*

b.* _____ *God (giving of thanks)

- *For What God Has Done*
- *For What God Has Not Done*

c.* _____ *God

- *To meet your physical & spiritual needs (supplications)*
- *To meet the physical & spiritual needs of others (intercessions)*

Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God

5. Paul's Focused _____

"on behalf of all men,
"on behalf of kings
and all the [ones] in superiority are being,"

a. [Prayer on behalf of _____ – dependence – Matt 6:9-13]

b. Prayer on behalf of all _____ – selflessness

c. Prayer on behalf of _____ – submission (ultimately to God)

Romans 13:1-7 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. 4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who practices evil. 5 Therefore *you* must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due*, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

Titus 3:1-2 Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, 2 to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men.

1 Peter 2:13-14 Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, 14 or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and *for the* praise of those who do good.

6. Paul's Temporary _____

"that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life
in all godliness and reverence."

Literally:
in order that
a quiet and calm life
we might be spending (~)
in all good-awe and gravity.

a. To Spend Life in an _____ Environment

*1) **"quiet"** (outer tranquility – free from tumult – 1x in NT)*

*2) **"calm"** (inner stillness – free from turmoil – 2x in NT; 1 Pet 3:4)*

b. To Leverage Life as an _____ Opportunity

*1) **"in all godliness"** / piety (eusebeia "good awe") → conduct*

15x in NT; 10x by Paul; 8x in 1 Tim (5x by Peter)

3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of **godliness**: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.

4:7 But reject … old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward **godliness**.

4:8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but **godliness** is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

6:3-11 If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to … the doctrine which accords with **godliness**, … 5 useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that **godliness** is a *means of* gain. From such withdraw yourself. 6 Now **godliness** with contentment is great gain. … 11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, **godliness**, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

2 Tim. 3:5 having a form of **godliness** but denying its power. …

Titus 1:1 … the truth which accords with **godliness**,

2 Peter 3:11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and **godliness**,

*2) **"[in all] gravity"** / propriety / seriousness (3x NT 3:4; Titus 2:7)*

Paul urges
ongoing verbal acknowledgement and dependence towards God
appealing for the continuous needs of ourselves & others
for optimal temporal living conditions
for purposeful godly living
for our greatest eternal impact.