



TIMOTHY

Willing Submission to Members of God’s New Community

Session Number: 3 | Week: 1 | Day: 3

Bible Passage

1 Timothy 2: 1-8

Introduction

In this session, 1 Timothy chapter 2: 1-8, we focus on understanding willing submission for different members of the new family of God, who are the target audience of the good news. We understand the dynamics of prayers and submission. Paul’s acceptance of Gentiles as a form of submission.

Session Objectives

By the end of this session, the learner will have:

- Understood the order of public worship and the roles each person takes
- Understood prayer dynamics
- Appreciated the place of Willing submission as a method to inherit the kingdom of God in an evil world.

Session Outline

- Members of the good news
- Dynamics of prayers
- Submission for men and women.

Connecting

- Gather with two or more people for a community discovery bible study session.
- Start with a heartfelt prayer, inviting God to guide and bless your understanding.
- Explore the passage by reading it at least twice, using different Bible versions if available, then retell the story together as a group.
- Reflect and share the challenges and blessings you experienced from the previous study.

Comprehending

- Read 1 Tim 2: 1-8. What is revealed about prayer? (What is prayer? What types of prayer do you know? Who to pray for, who to make the prayers? who to pray to? who to mediate all the prayers and why? Why make a prayer for all people? The order of how to make prayer for males and women? Submission in prayers.
- What is a willing submission? (For Jesus, for men, for slaves, for women, for children, for church leaders, for employees, for employers, etc)
- How did Jesus show that he was submitted to authority and to all people? 1 Timothy 2:5-6.
- How was Paul to submit to his call that he accepts the Gentile as equal shares of the grace of God? 1 Timothy 2:7. Why did people have a problem accepting Gentiles as equal before God? Acts 10: 14-16, 34-35.
- Read 1 Timothy 2:8. How did men’s lifting of hands show that they were submitted and surrendered to the authority? How does a captured soldier show that he has surrendered to authority?

Committing

- Engage with the Bible—read, study, memorize, meditate, pray, listen, and live it out.
- List three lessons you have learnt as an agent of change that you would like to put into practice and teach others about.
- Take time and worship Jesus with the attributes revealed about Christ.
- Use the **SPACEPETS** model, to assist you in putting God's word into practice. Look for:
 - **Sin** to confess
 - **Promise** to claim
 - **Attitude** to change
 - **Command** to keep
 - **Error** to change
 - **Prayer** to make
 - **Example** to copy
 - **Truth** to obey and
 - **Something** praiseworthy

Communicating

- Identify one person you can connect with and share the valuable insights and lessons you gained from this session.
- Reach out to a new believer—either in person or by phone—and pray with them to support them through their challenges, including any concerns about attending church.
- Create a new group and guide others through this study to help them grow in their understanding.

Audio Summary

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Context

- Paul, writing to Timothy in Ephesus post-release from Roman imprisonment, guides him on managing the church, focusing on willing submission through prayer.
- The passage emphasizes prayer as an act of submission to God and others, benefiting the church and society.

Willing Submission Through Prayer (1 Timothy 2:1-8)

- **Call to Prayer:** Urge all to offer petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving for everyone, including kings and authorities, even those disliked (e.g., Romans).
- **Purpose of Prayer:** Enables peaceful, godly lives, pleases God, and aligns with His desire for all to be saved and know the truth.
- **Christ’s Example:** Jesus, the mediator, gave Himself as a ransom, demonstrating ultimate willing submission for humanity’s salvation.
- **Paul’s Example:** Paul’s acceptance of Gentiles as equal gospel sharers reflects submission to God’s call, modeling prayerful leadership.
- **Men’s Role:** Men are to pray everywhere, lifting holy hands without anger or disputing, showing willing submission to God.
- **Purpose:** Prayerful submission benefits the church, others, and God’s kingdom, fostering salvation and peace.

Application

- Pray willingly for all, including adversaries, to reflect Christ’s submission, promote peace, and advance God’s salvific plan.