

# THE WHO, WHY, AND HOW OF PRAYER

(Part 1)



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- What was that thing that Paul was exhorting Timothy to do in our text? \_\_\_\_\_! Read verse 1.
- Paul was exhorting him to pray “*first of all.*” This means “first and foremost; \_\_\_\_\_ everything else; top of the priority list.”
- Most Christians want to have an effective and fruitful prayer life, but they find themselves asking questions like, “Who should I pray for?”, “Why should I pray?”, “How should I pray?”
- Our text answers these important questions.

## First, who should we pray for?

- First, Paul says that we are to pray for “*all men.*” He is simply teaching that nobody is \_\_\_\_\_ praying for.
- But then, in verse 2, Paul gets more specific. We have a duty to pray for those that are in \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.
- God is a God of authority and structure. Without authority, you have chaos and \_\_\_\_\_.
  1. God has established an authority structure in the \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. God has established authority in the local \_\_\_\_\_.

◇ *“And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:12*

◇ *“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.” Acts 20:28*

3. God has established authority in \_\_\_\_\_.  
Romans 13:1-2

● What does a person who is operating under God's principle of authority do?

⇒ Wherever they are, they immediately \_\_\_\_\_ for authority and seek to submit to it.

⇒ They seek to encourage their \_\_\_\_\_.

⇒ They \_\_\_\_\_ diligently for those in authority and leadership in their life.

● Do you diligently pray for those in authority in your life?

## In Conclusion:

● If people are given authority, what would keep them from \_\_\_\_\_ that authority?

● When leaders abuse their authority, the godly Christian has a powerful and effective recourse – prayer! It is the most powerful and influential \_\_\_\_\_ in this universe!



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