

Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

—1 Timothy 4:16 ESV

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<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior,

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<sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave Himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

—1 Timothy 2:1-6 ESV

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“Our prayers are all too often narrowly confined to personal needs and wants and rarely extend beyond our needs. In sharp contrast, Paul calls for evangelistic prayer on behalf of all men.” —John MacArthur

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Prayer Seeks God's Purpose  
in All Our Activity

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“In prayer, we see issues; by prayer we are moved to act.”  
—Roy Neehall

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Prayer Seeks God's Purpose  
 Supplications  
 (Urgency based on a need we can't supply)

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Prayer Seeks God's Purpose  
 Prayers  
 (Desire based on God's glory)

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Prayer Seeks God's Purpose  
 Intercessions  
 (Identify with those who are without Christ)

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Prayer Seeks God's Purpose  
 Thanksgiving  
 (Expectancy based upon God's goodness/grace)

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Christian is not dying; nominal Christianity is... the cultural cost of calling yourself 'Christian' is starting to outweigh the cultural benefit, so those who do not identify as a 'Christian' according to their convictions are starting to identify as 'nones' because it's more culturally savvy." —Ed Stetzer

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"Christianity isn't normal anymore, and that's good news. The Book of Acts, like the Gospels before it, shows us that the Christianity thrives when it is, as Kierkegaard put it, a sign of contradiction... We don't have Mayberry anymore, if we ever did. Good. Mayberry leads to hell just as surely as Gomorrah does.

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But Christianity didn't come from Mayberry in the first place, but from a Roman Empire hostile to the core to the idea of a crucified and resurrected Messiah. We've been on the wrong side of history since Rome, and it was enough to turn the world upside down." —Russell Moore

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### Apart from prayer...

We are self-reliant rather than God dependent.  
We may create influence without power.  
We are prone to disharmony vs. unity.  
We lose heart in the face of controversy.  
We lack courage in times of difficulty.  
We believe faith makes us nice, not honest.  
We are gate-keepers, not risk-takers.  
We burn out rather than build up.  
We talk about church, but fail to tell about Jesus.

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### Prayer Expresses Dependency in Days of Difficulty

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"By words and works we can touch or influence a few: by our prayers we may benefit the whole world and every individual of it, high and low, friend, stranger and enemy." —Andrew Murray

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"Emperors might be persecutors. Those in authority might be determined to stamp out the Christians. But the Christian church never, even in the times of bitterest persecution, ceased to pray for them." —William Barclay

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"I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat. We shall not flag or fail. We shall go to the end... We shall never surrender!"

—First Address,  
House of Commons

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“...a comradeship of suffering and endurance... We will have no truce or parley with you [Hitler], or your grisly gang that work your wicked will. You do your worst and we will do our best.”  
—July 14, 1941

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“Do not let us speak of darker days; let us speak rather of sterner days. These are not dark days: these are great days—the greatest days our country has ever lived; and we must all thank God that we have been allowed, each of us according to our stations, to play a part in making these days memorable in the history of our race.”

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“*Not in vain.* May this be the pride of those who survived and the epitaph of those who fell.”

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Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.  
—I Corinthians 15:18 ESV

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<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

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<sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm... <sup>18</sup>praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.  
—Ephesians 6:10-13, 18 ESV

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Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.  
—Colossians 4:2 ESV

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Prayer Protects the Gospel  
Integrity of Our Ministry

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I Timothy 2:3-8

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“Realization of truth” = saving apprehension of and faith in the gospel, the subjective and the objective means combined

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God often asked great things of people:

- Abraham to follow without knowing where he was going
- Joseph to forgive brothers
- Moses to face-off with Pharaoh
- David to fight Goliath
- Peter to feed My lambs
- You and me to fulfill the Great Commission!

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MOVE in the mission of evangelistic prayer “knowing our labor is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58).

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