

Devotional...



Verses: 1Timothy 2:1-7 (The Message)

¹⁻³ The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Savior God wants us to live.

*⁴⁻⁷ He wants not only us but everyone saved, you know, everyone to get to know the truth **we've learned: that there's one God and only one, and one Priest-Mediator between God and us—Jesus, who offered himself in exchange for everyone held captive by sin, to set them all free. Eventually the news is going to get out. This and this only has been my appointed work: getting this news to those who have never heard of God, and explaining how it works by simple faith and plain truth.***

Prayer changes things, especially when it is lined up with God's will.

We can go about our regular everyday lives, living only with the natural resources at our disposal, or we can get in on what God is wanting to do in the earth and make a difference! We can partner with the Unseen, Supernatural God we love and serve and pray His will into being in every situation and person we come into contact with. Pretty soon, we will see changes happening around us.

It starts with prayer, but the goal is for His kingdom to come; for men, women, young people and children everywhere to hear the truth about Jesus and get saved. He is the only way to the Father. He made the way open, through His death, burial and resurrection, for all who receive Him to be spiritually reborn into His kingdom family and share in His life and mission.

This is the message that must get out; that Jesus offered Himself in exchange for everyone held captive by sin, to set them all free. We can receive forgiveness and eternal life through believing in Jesus and what He did for us, and publicly confessing Him as Lord.

Let us pray for everyone around us, that all people can come to know Him deeply and intimately for themselves and become passionate about Him and the work He has given us to do; that we would all be actively praying, reaching out to those who need Him and making disciples. This is God's deepest desire and His clearly written Will.

Prayer:

Father in heaven, thank you for revealing your will to us. Open our eyes to people all around us who need Jesus and give us the boldness to tell them about Him. Thank you for giving us your Spirit to live in us and help us be your witnesses. Cause me to be aware of you and your will throughout the day and to be praying and speaking life over every situation and person you bring to mind, **in Jesus' name.** Amen.