

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

I Timothy 2:1-5

The Prayer of a Christian Patriot

Warming up

Do you find it difficult to pray consistently for your government leaders? Why or why not?

Digging In

1. **Read I Timothy 2:1-5.** As you read & discuss, try to imagine this as an “open letter” to you personally from your most trusted and respected mentor.
2. “First of all, then” (in v.1) refers back Paul’s discussion of the sinfulness of man (including himself) in chapter 1. What are you being urged to do “First of all” because of the sinfulness of man?
3. On whose behalf are you being urged to pray . . . who in general and who in specific? (v.2a)
4. What kind of life are you told to pray for in connection with your prayer for those in authority, “that we may live . . .”? (v.2b)
5. What is God’s bigger picture or ultimate goal behind this call to prayer for government leaders? Man is sinful → pray for authorities → to govern in a way that produces peace & stability → because God wants _____? (V.3-4)
6. What does your mentor want you to remember in regards to “authority” in verse 5? (cf. Psalm 37:1-8)



Acting Out

Use the following acrostic (K.I.N.G.) to spend some of your prayer time minding the urging of your mentor:

- **K**nowledge of God (they would be saved or at least fear God)
- **I**nsight (they will govern wisely, submitting to the Constitution . . . America’s highest authority)
- **N**obility (they will “raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair”, setting an example to the nation/world)
- **G**race (that God’s would grant His unmerited favor securing the peace & stability that prospers the gospel)