

Sound Doctrine: 1st Timothy, 2nd Timothy & Titus

One God, One Mediator

1st Timothy 2:1-7, Acts 9

[Pray] 2:1-2 First of all - here we go, church! Prayers for all people kings, authority This is a Christian's duty, & the church's duty Types of prayer: • Supplications - asking God for things • Prayers - speaking to God in general • Intercessions - a meeting, visit, interview, petition for others • Giving of thanks - thankfulness, saying thank you! Pray for everyone! Friends, Romans and countrymen! Believers and unbelievers! They may not pray, but you do They don't know God, but you do - go <u>for</u> them <i>DG Pray evangelistically</i>	Job and his kids Job 1:5 - So it was, when the days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did regularly. <i>My Aunt & Uncle praying for me to be saved</i> When you pray for something, you'll be more invested in it Family, government, work, etc. Christians should be invested in prayer in public life, and be invested physically where God leads you from there (you can't do everything, but you can pray for everything) <i>Pointing out the problem without giving a solution is just complaining</i> Watch how your attitude, attention and care for something or someone changes as you pray on their behalf
Why? To lead a quiet and peaceable life <u>Free from unneeded drama</u> Life is hard enough without the extra 1 Thess 4:11a that you also aspire to lead a quiet life	What life to you aspire to? Growing up - astronaut, sports star, rock star The Christian doesn't look to be famous, but prays for those who are <i>Christian couple who share gospel w celebs</i>

God might make you famous, but it comes through your faith following Him Not through selfish ambition, desires to be rich	<i>Moving to Montana was a part of that quiet life pursuit Less hustle and bustle Quieter day-to-day</i> <i>I still aspire:</i> <i>To an even quieter life in the woods A godly old man with wisdom and love A life lived in submission to God</i>
Praying for your town, state, country, leaders makes you the best citizen - Rom. 13 <i>DG Pray for a government that would let us be Christian</i>	A life wrapped in godliness and reverence • A godly life is not a wild life • A truly reverent life is not without God at the center <i>Perhaps why many celebrity Christians aren't the best examples</i>
:3-4 Because it's good in God's eyes Who's watching? God and others More than you realize <i>You may not be a celebrity, but your life might be the only Christian "show" in someone else's life</i> Remember Creation? God said at the end of every day, it was good That Good Life Leads Others to Jesus	A major barrier to others coming to Jesus? <u>Our lifestyles!</u> 1 Peter 2:11-12 - Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. 1 Peter 3:1-2 - Wives, <u>likewise</u>, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.
World calls Christians hypocrites - are they right? (might be!)	When they don't, they'll persecute other ways (goodie two shoes)

A wife's example to unbelieving husband He'll either come or not, largely based on her behavior Kids not following Jesus #1 factor, I've seen at least, is how the parents are living Even Adam and Eve fell, perfect location, perfect Father We can't discount that But if people will turn to sin even with perfect conditions and perfect love How much more so when <u>mistreated</u>!	The world is watching • Can the world look on at your life and find you doing the right thing? • Praying for your enemies? • Raising a family? • Living a quiet life? <i>Our kids always complimented</i> The point a quiet life, To accomplish God's <u>desire</u> • All would be saved • All would know the truth <i>No Jesus, No Peace Know Jesus, Know Peace</i>
That there would be no <u>hindrance</u> to the truth • A quiet and peaceable life lets the gospel flow • It's the difference people see but can't put their finger on When the truth isn't hindered, people have <u>no excuse</u> to not believe • The church's bad example, "believers" bad behavior keeping people from believing! • Not a valid excuse in God's eyes	God wants people to come to the <u>knowledge</u> of the truth Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children. You can't live it unless you know it You can't rightly know God unless you know He said in His Word Hearing > knowing > believing
Whether they accept or reject it The christian and the church need to know God's Word rightly and proclaim it from the pulpit of our lives <i>Tweet on post about false teacher JO,</i>	<i>"Crowds gathered to get something for themselves out of the baskets of earthly bread, but as soon as they're told to eat of the Bread of Heaven and die to self, they'll go elsewhere. It's why they're never fed the truth there, they can't be fleeced if they leave. They won't grow in Jesus if they stay."</i>

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One God, that's it

- Not one God in many "expressions"
- Not Allah, Buddha, Shiva, Jupiter

Jews, Christians and Muslims do not worship the same God

- Jews rejected their God when He showed up in His Son
- Muslims worship a god who has no son
- Jesus isn't God to them, just a prophet (if he really was a prophet, they'd realize He is God)

Rush, Totem

*I've got twelve disciples and a Buddha smile
The Garden of Allah – Viking Valhalla
A miracle once in a while
I've got a pantheon of animals in a pagan
soul Vishnu and Gaia – Aztec and Maya
Dance around my totem pole*

Coexist bumper sticker,
if they knew anything they'd know they can't

Rejecting the One true God leads you to accept any god

We know they're not gods at all
Idols made by human hands, in our image
Truly, it's self worship

With One God, There's Only one to

- actually worship
- Answer prayers
- Who has Ultimate authority

**If there were many gods there
would be many mediators - what if
you didn't get them all, there'd still
be one upset with you!**

Acts, To the unknown god

**If you're not worshipping the One True
God, whatever else you're worshipping is
simply his enemy**

**The enemy doesn't care who you worship,
as long as it's not Jesus**

Because all roads don't lead to heaven,
they lead to hell

Rap contracts saying you can't say Jesus

One mediator between us and God: Jesus

Fully God, fully man
Only one in the contract - made it, fulfilled it,
gave the benefits to us

*God cut covenant with Abraham, fulfilled both
ends - Abraham just had to trust God said
and did it*

Mediator - one who intervenes to restore
peace, a covenant, arbitrator

Lawsuits, mediation, arbitration

**To anyone that says you need a
priest Or tells you to pray to anyone
but Jesus Or that anyone plus
Jesus is your co-redeemer**

Satanic lies! Only God has the power

Jesus is our only Savior Lawyer Defense Sacrifice	What was his mediation? The settlement for our crimes against God? Payment in the court of God and us? <u>Himself in place of us</u>
A payment for everyone <u>Told about</u> in all the world Court case has many testimonies, lots of evidence exhibits • Jesus • Bible • Creation • Saints gone before us • The church • Conscience	You - your life! People say Paul didn't meet Jesus in His lifetime He did, on the road to Damascus if you're truly a believer, <u>it's because you've met Him too</u> How? He's <u>alive</u>. <u>Not a dead</u> God. Not an absent God. <u>Psalm 46:1b God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.</u>

:7 This was Paul's mission, This is the church's mission, It's every Christian's mission: Preach the truth, live the truth: • One God • One Mediator - Jesus Pray for everyone to come to that knowledge and be saved in it. Live lives that reveal the truth, not hinder it. The truth that Jesus is The way the truth and the life nothing & no one else	You're appointment <u>1 Thessalonians 5:9 - For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,</u> Ordained, set in place for, to serve, established To be a part of the true church To pray for those in authority To aspire to lead a quiet life Being responsible, respectable Inside and outside of church And as a Christian to <u>spread the gospel</u>: pray, live, send, go, preach, teach
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**Are you a Christian? Then
you're an eyewitness!**

folks claiming they've seen UFOs,
willing to risk it all because they saw
something - and
they don't even know what it was!
UNIDENTIFIED

**YOU DO KNOW WHAT IT WAS.
A WHO.**

Your life is that testimony.
Your words back up that life.

**If your life isn't changed, you might
have seen something**

Sin, a need for a savior, maybe even God
working

**But if you've gone beyond
seeing, into believing**

**You've met Him, the testimony
of God**

**Your life has to be changed. It
cannot remain the same**

And when it does

**Your life naturally
begins to be a witness**

**Your behavior changes
and your speech**

**Because of the living God in you
changing you - if you let Him**
One mediator, one agent of change

Disciples:

- First meeting
- Formal call to be a disciple
- Leave everything
- Give their whole lives to spreading the gospel
- Eventually die for what they've seen, believed, and lived out

**They couldn't do anything
else,**

**the truth was more than just
seeing,**

it was the core of their reality

John 6:67-68 - Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Jeremiah 20:9 - Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him, Nor speak anymore in His name." But His word was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, And I could not.

If time, Acts 9

You might have been religious before

But now you know that Jesus is the only way

You've met him, He's found you on your road to hell

You could never go back because you've tasted how good He is

You used to try to go to God on your own
If you were good or bad
Made it up to him or someone

Jesus mediates between you and God on your behalf, and His

Because He wants to be reconciled to you, more than you want to be with Him

When you know that, and believe it

you testify with all that is in you, that there is One God, One Mediator, the man Christ Jesus

And He sends you to mediate on behalf of others,

by praying for them,

and living a peaceable life,

that they might see peace with God is real and they can have it too, through Jesus alone

One God - alive

One Mediator - forever

Jesus.