

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

**Sermon Notes for March 27-28, 2004**

**"Our Conduct in the World"**

**1 Timothy 2:1-7**

**1. Praying for our earthly authority (2:1-2)**

"First of all" is not first in sequence, but first in importance.

a. What to pray for

"Entreaties" was a word that was regularly used for having an audience before a king when presenting a petition regarding a need.

b. Who to pray for

1) All men

2) Kings

3) All who are in authority

c. Why to pray for

1) A tranquil and quiet life

"Tranquil" refers to the removal of external difficulties that come to us from others.

"Quiet" refers to the lack of internal strife in our own lives.

2) A godly and dignified life

"Godliness" refers to our attitude as seen by God.

"Dignity" refers to our conduct as seen by others.

**2. Pleasing for our heavenly authority (2:3-4)**

a. God is pleased with our supplication

b. God is pleased with our serenity

c. God is pleased with our salvation

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God desires all men to be saved, but all men are not saved. This is not because God is not able. God desires something else beyond all men being saved. This is not man's freedom to choose God, for man is unable (Romans 3:10-18). Above all, God desires His glory (Romans 9:22-23).

### **3. The plan of the Authority (2:5-6)**

a. Who Christ is

1) He is a mediator

2) He is a man

b. What Christ did

Christ gave Himself as a payment for sin for all

This shows us that Christ's atonement is unlimited, meaning it is for all people (cf. John 1:29; 3:16; Acts 17:30; 1 Timothy 4:10; Hebrews 2:9; 2 Peter 2:1; 1 John 2:2).

c. When Christ did it: At the proper time (Galatians 4:4)

### **4. Proclaiming with authority (2:7)**

"As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." (John 20:21).

We are sent in faith, with truth.